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The Honorable Mike Crapo  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking,  
Housing, and Urban Affairs  
239 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking,  
Housing, and Urban Affairs  
713 Hart Senate Office Building.  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Crapo and Ranking Member Brown:

The more than 1.2 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® urge the swift confirmation of Anna Farias as the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Her experience and expertise will make her a great addition to HUD's team.

Ms. Farias previously served at HUD in various capacities, providing her with extensive knowledge about the myriad of programs HUD administers. Her work as a Housing Authority director (and resident) enriches her understanding of how fair housing issues affect communities, property owners and tenants. These experiences make her an ideal candidate for the position.

REALTORS® urge you to approve the selection of Anna Farias, and move her nomination expeditiously to the Senate floor. As we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act in 2018, the National Association of REALTORS® looks forward to working with Ms. Farias to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans.

Sincerely,

William E. Brown  
2017 President, National Association of REALTORS®

cc: U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs



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