September 25, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Senate Majority Leader United States Senate 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Charles E. Schumer Senate Democratic Leader United States Senate 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators McConnell and Schumer:

Paul Compton was approved by the Senate Banking Committee in July, and is well qualified to serve as Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s General Counsel. We urge you to bring his nomination promptly to the Floor of the Senate for a vote.

The aftermath of hurricanes Harvey and Irma require strong leadership from HUD. The General Counsel plays a critical role in creating and approving disaster relief programs and coordination between federal agencies. Mr. Compton has demonstrated a commitment to affordable housing, and vast experience with complex financial transactions. His familiarity with HOME and CDBG make him a perfect candidate to serve as General Counsel. His expertise can help HUD and our nation through this trying time.

We urge you to provide HUD all the necessary resources to help in the disaster recovery. Putting the General Counsel in place is a critical part of that process. Please bring the vote of Paul Compton to the Senate Floor.

Sincerely,

America's Homeowner Alliance

The American Academy of Housing Communities

American Escrow Association

American Land Title Association

Appraisal Institute

Asian Real Estate Association of America

Council for Affordable and Rural Housing

Community Home Lenders Association (CHLA)

Community Mortgage Lenders of America (CMLA)

Consumer Mortgage Coalition

Habitat for Humanity International

Leading Builders of America

Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR)

Manufactured Housing Institute

Mortgage Bankers Association

Multifamily Lenders Council

National Affordable Housing Management Association

National Apartment Association

National Association of Home Builders

National Association of Housing Cooperatives

National Association of REALTORS®

National Housing & Rehabilitation Association

National Leased Housing Association (NLHA)

National Multifamily Housing Council

National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association

Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA)

The Realty Alliance

Real Estate Services Providers Council, Inc. (RESPRO®)

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