

December 8, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Republican Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

The undersigned organizations, representing every facet of the housing industry, enthusiastically support the nomination of Brian D. Montgomery as the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Commissioner. We are all deeply aware of Mr. Montgomery's accomplishments during his previous tenure at HUD and we have full confidence in his abilities to lead and manage the FHA.

Mr. Montgomery served as FHA Commissioner from 2005 to mid-2009, under both the George W. Bush and Obama Administrations. During that period, he realized the immense counter-cyclical benefits that FHA can provide in the middle of the housing crisis. He also led HUD's response to Hurricane Katrina and chaired the Hurricane Recovery and Response Center at HUD headquarters. This experience will be very helpful in the aftermath of the recent disasters in Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Prior to his national service, Mr. Montgomery served at the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, giving him experience with HUD programs at the local level.

We strongly urge you to support Brian D. Montgomery's confirmation when it comes up for a Senate floor vote.

Sincerely,

ALTA  
American Academy for Housing and Communities  
American Escrow Association  
American Land Title Association  
America's Homeowners Alliance  
Appraisal Institute  
Asian Real Estate Association of America  
Community Associations Institute  
Community Home Lenders Association  
Community Mortgage Lenders of America  
Consumer Mortgage Coalition  
Council for Affordable and Rural Housing  
Council of Federal Home Loan Banks  
Habitat for Humanity  
Homeownership Preservation Foundation  
Housing Partnership Network  
Leading Builders of America  
Make Room, Inc.  
Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform  
Manufactured Housing Institute  
Mortgage Bankers Association  
The Mortgage Collaborative

Multifamily Lenders Council  
National Affordable Housing Management Association  
National Apartment Association  
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders  
National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Housing Cooperatives  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
National Association of Real Estate Brokers  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition  
National Fair Housing Alliance  
National Housing Conference  
National Housing & Rehabilitations Association  
National Housing Resource Center  
National Leased Housing Association  
National Multifamily Housing Council  
National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association  
NID Housing  
Preservation of Affordable Housing  
Real Estate Services Providers Council, Inc.  
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future  
The Realty Alliance  
U.S. Mortgage Insurers

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