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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 1.2 million members of the National Association of REALTORS®, we offer our strong support for the nomination of Peter Kovar as HUD Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. His extensive experience on Capitol Hill with the House Financial Services Committee will be a very valuable resource to the Department.   In recent years, Mr. Kovar has worked to coordinate Committee action on legislation related to federal housing programs. This expertise makes him the ideal candidate to run the operations of the Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations office at HUD.

 As Chief of Staff for Representative Barney Frank, Peter Kovar has been in the unique position of serving the needs of the constituents and communities of Rep. Frank while at the same communicating with the widely diverse community of interests surrounding the work of the House Financial Services Committee. His intimate knowledge of how federal policies affect the people and local governments will serve him and the Department well in the years ahead. Moreover, his ability to absorb and communicate with all parties on pending issues will make him an exemplary manager of relations between the executive and legislative branches and among the numerous organizations interested in federal housing and community development programs.

The National Association of REALTORS® urges swift confirmation of Peter Kovar, and stands ready to work with the Department and Congress on working toward solutions to the housing crisis.

Sincerely,

Charles McMillan, CIPS, GRI
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