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The Honorable Norma Torres
U.S. House of Representatives
2227 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Torres:

On behalf of the 1.4 million members of the National Association of REALTORS®, I write to thank you for your request for increased funding for fair housing enforcement in the Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Funding Bill.

Your request for an increase to salaries and expenses for HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity will help provide critical resources for strong federal enforcement of fair housing laws, both to respond to discrimination complaints and to take more proactive steps to investigate and eliminate discrimination in the housing market.

Your request for an increase to the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) supports nonprofit fair housing groups whose enforcement activities hold the housing industry to the highest standards. In addition, FHIP education activities make sure consumers and housing professionals alike know their rights and obligations under fair housing laws.

When President Lyndon Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act into law a half-century ago, he said, "We have come some of the way, not near all of it. There is much yet to do." The fair housing budget increases you requested helps us better meet this challenge.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to promote strong fair housing enforcement and grant activity in the HUD budget.

Sincerely,



Charlie Oppler
2021 President, National Association of REALTORS®

