

December 14, 2018

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 Senator McConnell and Senator Schumer:

The undersigned organizations, representing a wide range of voices in the housing and mortgage financing industry, support the nomination of Seth D. Appleton for Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Appleton possesses the knowledge and expertise to lead this important arm of HUD.

As the current General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at HUD, Mr. Appleton is deeply familiar with the day-to-day workings of the Department and the important role HUD plays in our nation's housing market. During his 13 years as a Capitol Hill staffer, Mr. Appleton gained a strong understanding of housing policy and was instrumental in helping pass the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA), which made much needed reforms to the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) condominium loan program, federal assisted housing programs and Rural Housing Service loan programs. In May, Mr. Appleton received the unanimous approval of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to move his nomination forward. His extensive experience serving the public coupled with a solid housing policy background makes Mr. Appleton an ideal leader of the Office of Policy Development and Research at HUD.

With a new Congress ready to take office in January 2019, ensuring HUD has the right leaders in place is a key consideration. Mr. Appleton will provide HUD with sound leadership that will enable the Department to move forward on important initiatives. The undersigned groups respectfully urge you to support Mr. Appleton's confirmation as Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research and bring up his nomination for a vote in the full Senate.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Housing and Communities  
American Escrow Association  
America's Homeowner Alliance  
Community Home Lenders Association  
The Community Mortgage Lenders of America  
Consumer Mortgage Coalition  
Council for Affordable and Rural Housing  
Make Room  
Manufactured Housing Institute  
Mortgage Bankers Association  
Multifamily Lenders Council  
National Affordable Housing Management Association

National Apartment Association  
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Housing Cooperatives  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Leased Housing Association  
National Multifamily Housing Council  
National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association  
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association  
Real Estate Services Providers Council, Inc. (RESPRO)  
The Realty Alliance

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