

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.

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