

February 23, 2018

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

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Republican Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

The undersigned organizations represent a broad spectrum of the housing and community development industry and advocacy groups. We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of Brian D. Montgomery as the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) assistant secretary for housing and Federal Housing Administration (FHA) commissioner. We respectfully urge you to move his confirmation forward at the soonest opportunity.

Montgomery is highly qualified for this important position that is critical to HUD's mission, and there is broad consensus in the housing community that he is the right candidate to lead FHA. The Federal Housing Administration at HUD needs effective leadership and capacity to oversee its mortgage lending and regulatory agenda and to deliver critically-needed services.

Montgomery will provide that leadership and brings valuable practical experience to the position, having previously served at HUD as FHA commissioner from 2005 to 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 continuing efforts to address the 2017 disasters in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Prior to his national service, Montgomery served at the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, giving him experience with HUD programs at the local level. Montgomery has a great understanding of HUD, FHA and its programs and how they work in state and local communities.

In the spirit of recent bipartisan efforts in Congress, we request that you support Montgomery's confirmation to provide effective leadership to FHA and move his nomination to the full Senate for a vote.

Sincerely,

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