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Melvin L. Watt  
Director  
Federal Housing Finance Agency  
Constitution Center  
400 7th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20219

**Regulatory Information Number (RIN): 2590-AA83**

Re: Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Amendments

Dear Director Watt:

The National Housing Conference and the undersigned organizations write to you to request additional time to comment on the Federal Housing Finance Agency's proposed rule RIN 2590-AA83, Affordable Housing Program amendments, which was issued on March 14, 2018, with a 60-day comment period that ends on May 14, 2018. While we appreciate that FHFA provided an opportunity to submit feedback, we believe that the extent and complexity of the issues raised in the proposed rule necessitate an extension.

Since 1990, the AHP program has awarded more than \$5.4 billion which has assisted in the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of more than 827,000 units of affordable housing. Given this significant role we want to ensure that proposed changes are carefully reviewed by all stakeholders. The proposed amendments represent the most extensive revisions to the AHP in over 20 years. At over 190 pages, the complexity and length of the proposed rule have presented analytical challenges. We believe an extension is critical to ensure that we have adequate time to fully engage stakeholders to analyze it and provide thoughtful comments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,