

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
Chairman  
Senate Banking Committee  
United States Senate  
503 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 25010

The Honorable Pat Toomey  
Ranking Republican  
Senate Banking Committee  
United States Senate  
248 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 25010

Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Chairman Brown and Ranking Member Toomey:

I am writing on behalf of the more than 330 members of the National Housing Conference (NHC) to express our strong support for the nomination and confirmation of the Honorable Marcia L. Fudge to serve as the next Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Originally founded in 1931, NHC represents a broad and diverse coalition of housing stakeholders, including financial institutions, advocacy organizations, state housing finance agencies, and community nonprofits, aligned behind the belief that everyone in America should have equal opportunity to live in a quality, affordable home in a thriving community. NHC played a key role in the creation of HUD in 1965, and has worked closely with every Secretary since its elevation to a cabinet agency. Our organization applauds President Biden's nomination of Congresswoman Fudge and enthusiastically supports her expedient confirmation.

A lifelong advocate in the fight against poverty and inequality, Congresswoman Fudge would bring a fresh perspective to housing and community development as Secretary. Her background as mayor of an inner ring suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, and as a leader on education policy, would prove valuable as HUD plays an important role in reversing the catastrophic loss of minority homeowners over the past 10 years.

Congresswoman Fudge understands the need to make housing policy work for all communities and is a tireless supporter of community investment, as demonstrated in her crucial role in ensuring the U.S. Treasury Department's neighborhood stabilization efforts were well-funded. Her commitment and leadership throughout her impressive career have positively impacted the lives of millions of Americans.

We respectfully request your bipartisan support for Congresswoman Fudge's confirmation to HUD Secretary. We look forward to the opportunity to work with your committee to confirm this extraordinary public servant.

Sincerely,



David M. Dworkin  
President and CEO  
National Housing Conference

**About NHC:** The National Housing Conference has been defending the American Home since 1931. We believe that everyone in America should have equal opportunity to live in a quality, affordable home in a thriving community. NHC convenes and collaborates with our diverse membership and the broader housing and community development sectors to advance our policy, research and communications initiatives to effect positive change at the federal, state and local levels. Politically diverse and nonpartisan, NHC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.