

July 29, 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 and Housing Committee  
United States Senate  
248 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 25010

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

The undersigned organizations enthusiastically encourage the Senate to confirm the nomination of Julia Gordon as HUD Assistant Secretary for Housing and Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). We believe Ms. Gordon is highly qualified for this important position.

FHA faces challenges and opportunities to finance home ownership and rental housing at a critical time. Most immediately, many households, rental property owners, and communities are struggling to recover from economic disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. In the longer run, rising home prices and rents and supply shortages are making housing less affordable for middle- and lower-income families, including renters and first-time home buyers. FHA has an important role in addressing these challenges, consistent with responsible lending practices and maintaining healthy insurance fund reserves.

Julia Gordon brings deep experience to address these challenges. She is a seasoned housing finance policy maker, having served as Single-Family Policy Manager at the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Through her leadership of the National Community Stabilization Trust, she has a nuanced understanding of local housing markets and how they can function sustainably even when under stress. She also has the skills, experience, and relationships to bring people together, both within FHA and among stakeholders, to address challenges collaboratively and effectively.

We urge the Senate to consider Ms. Gordon's nomination favorably and expeditiously.

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Housing Advisory Group  
Housing Assistance Council  
Housing Partnership Network  
Housing Policy Council  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation/National Equity Fund  
Manufactured Housing Institute  
Mortgage Bankers Association  
National Affordable Housing Management Association  
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA)  
National Apartment Association  
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders  
National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals  
National Association of Housing Cooperatives  
National Association of Realtors  
National Association of Residential Property Managers  
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National Council of State Housing Agencies  
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