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The Honorable Time Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing, &
Urban Affairs
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing, &
Urban Affairs
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Crapo:

On behalf of the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC), and the National Apartment Association (NAA) we write to express support for the nomination of San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro to become secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). NMHC and NAA represent the nation's leading firms participating in the multifamily rental housing industry – a robust \$1.1 trillion industry that helps 35 million renters live in a home that's right for them.

The nation needs policies that continue to support the multifamily industry and don't make it harder for renters and their families to find the rental housing, jobs and infrastructure that makes sense for both them and their community. We believe that Mayor Castro has the experience necessary to lead HUD, and to put the right policies forward that will benefit not only multifamily but entire housing industry.

Specifically, he has a solid reputation for both innovation and results, with San Antonio being named one of the seven "enterprising cities" in America by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. When it comes to moving housing forward, his aptitude for innovation was also demonstrated in the transformation of the city's urban core through the "Decade of Downtown" initiative, which helped San Antonio avoid the almost certain urban decay that has plagued other American cities.

Mayor Castro's overall experience places him in a unique position to understand how national policies impact housing needs locally. We look forward to working with him at HUD and the committee on making sure the nation's renters continue to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,

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