

July 31, 2018

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

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

Dear Republican Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

The undersigned organizations, representing the housing industry, enthusiastically support the nomination of Seth Appleton as the Assistant Secretary, Policy Development and Research, at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Mr. Appleton currently serves as acting assistant secretary and general deputy assistant secretary at HUD's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. He previously served as a senior staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives, most recently as chief of staff for Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) from 2009 to 2017. During his tenure in the House, Mr. Appleton built a deep knowledge of the needs of the nation's housing issues as he focused on a number of policy issues related to housing, financial services and small businesses. In particular, we appreciate his work on the *Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act*, approved in a bipartisan manner, by both the House and Senate without a dissenting vote.

We strongly urge you to support Seth Appleton's confirmation.

Sincerely,

Council for Affordable and Rural Housing
Institute of Real Estate Management
Manufactured Housing Institute
Mortgage Bankers Association
National Affordable Housing Management Association
National Apartment Association
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Housing Cooperatives
National Association of REALTORS
National Leased Housing Association
National Multifamily Housing Council