



March 8, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

The undersigned national associations that represent for-profit and non-profit owners, developers, managers, housing cooperatives, lenders and housing agencies involved in providing affordable rental and cooperative housing to millions of American families are pleased to offer our strong support for the nomination of the Honorable Marcia Fudge as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Congresswoman Fudge is uniquely qualified to lead HUD in tackling the critical work that lies ahead for the agency—helping to rebuild our nation’s economy, investing in our nation’s housing and infrastructure, taking on systemic racism, and providing equal opportunity to all Americans. We urge support for her nomination. She is well prepared to meet the challenges facing our nation’s 40 million American renters, and the myriad of housing providers – located in urban, suburban and rural communities. Throughout her career in public service, as a longtime member of Congress, former chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus, and first African American and first female Mayor of Warrensville Heights, OH, she has worked tirelessly to leverage public policy to improve opportunities for working families. Congresswoman Fudge has both the background and qualifications necessary to lead HUD as it grapples with the pandemic and seeks to address the nation’s housing affordability crisis. Under her leadership HUD will be able to bring together both public and private stakeholders to work together on policies that will support affordable housing and expand economic opportunities for all Americans.

Given the immense challenges we face, we look forward to a swift confirmation of Congresswoman Fudge’s nomination and to continuing our work with you on policies that support the tens of millions of Americans who call an apartment home, that encourage the creation and rehabilitation of housing at all price points and that lead to broader housing opportunities for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Manufactured Housing Institute  
Mortgage Bankers Association  
National Affordable Housing Management  
Association  
National Apartment Association  
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders

National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Housing Cooperatives  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Leased Housing Association  
National Multifamily Housing Council

cc: United States Senate