

November 27, 2017

Honorable Michael Crapo
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The undersigned organizations urge your committee to move quickly to confirm Robert Hunter Kurtz to be Assistant Secretary of HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development needs effective leadership and capacity to oversee its policy and regulatory agenda and to deliver critically-needed services. Mr. Kurtz brings both policy and practical experience to the position, having served at HUD in both the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations and the Office of Community Planning and Development and having worked as the Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Revitalization for the City of Detroit. This experience has given Mr. Kurtz a great understanding of HUD and its programs and how they work in local communities. We respectfully request that your committee confirm Mr. Kurtz's nomination as soon as possible to provide effective leadership to the Office of Public and Indian Housing.

To discuss any of these comments in further detail, please contact Rebekah King, Acting Director of Policy, National Housing Conference, (202) 466-2121 x248, rking@nhc.org.

Sincerely,

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Homeownership Preservation Foundation
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Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Manufactured Housing Institute
Multifamily Lenders Council
National Academy for Housing and Sustainable Communities
National Apartment Association
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders
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cc: Honorable Sherrod Brown, Ranking Member, Senate Banking Committee