

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

February 04, 2022

Dear Leader Schumer:

The 46 undersigned national organizations write to encourage the Senate to swiftly discharge and confirm the four highly qualified nominees for positions at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The nation faces significant housing challenges including evictions, inflation in the rental market, and the ongoing effects of discrimination; and any further delay in staffing top HUD positions will deeply impact the lives of many renters and homeowners in the U.S.

The nominees are:

- Julia Gordon for Assistant Secretary of the Federal Housing Administration;
- Solomon Greene for Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research;
- Arthur Jemison for Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing; and
- David Uejio for Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

These nominees are career housing professionals and would have easily received bipartisan support for their nominations in a less partisan era. The positions they will occupy will determine HUD policy including mortgage lending, public housing, fair housing issues, and policy and research.

Additionally, the last administration enacted several harmful fair housing policies that need to be repealed or revised to reflect the current administration's stance. These nominees will oversee divisions responsible for these repeals as well as for significant regulatory actions that are needed to protect the health and substantive rights of tenants and homeowners and preserve the nation's affordable housing stock. Expert leadership is a crucial component of enacting the regulatory changes that are so necessary.

HUD's mission has never been as important as it is right now. The country needs a fully functioning housing agency to guide the federal response to our housing crisis and to respond to the economic impacts of the ongoing pandemic. Advancing all four of these for nominees is vital to improve the housing opportunities for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A Way Home America  
Alliance for Housing Justice  
Americans for Financial Reform  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network  
Center for Disability Rights  
Community Solutions  
Council of State Community Development Agencies

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund  
Funders Together to End Homelessness  
Grounded Solutions Network  
Habitat for Humanity International  
Hispanic Health Network  
Latino Commission on AIDS  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Low Income Investment Fund  
NASTAD  
National Action Network  
National AIDS Housing Coalition  
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations  
National Association for County Community and Economic Development  
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders  
National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition  
National CAPACD- National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development  
National Center for Housing and Child Welfare  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Community Development Association  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)  
National Council of State Housing Agencies  
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)  
National Fair Housing Alliance  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Homelessness Law Center  
National Housing & Rehabilitation Association  
National Housing Law Project  
National Housing Resource Center  
National Housing Trust  
National Leased Housing Association  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Working Positive Coalition  
People's Action  
PolicyLink  
Poverty and Race Research Action Council  
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future  
True Colors United

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