

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Additionally, the last administration enacted several harmful fair housing policies that need to be repealed or revised to reflect the current administration's stance.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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