



July 9, 2021

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
Chairman, Committee on Banking,
Housing, and Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pat Toomey
Ranking Member, Committee on Banking,
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534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Brown and Ranking Member Toomey,

The National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA)¹ is pleased to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of Julia Gordon to serve as Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development. We urge the committee to swiftly consider her nomination and report it favorably to the Senate.

NCSHA and the state housing finance agencies (HFAs) have had the honor of working with Ms. Gordon in various capacities over many years. She has extensive experience working in affordable homeownership and federal housing finance policy in both the private and public sectors. She has expertise in the intricacies of affordable housing policy, a deep-rooted commitment to racial and economic fairness, a fair-minded willingness to consider a variety of opinions, and an eagerness to develop and implement practical solutions.

Ms. Gordon is especially well-suited to lead the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) at a time when our nation is facing a severe affordable housing crisis and major unfinished work to make the housing finance system more equitable and inclusive.

NCSHA and our state HFA members have enjoyed a strong and productive affordable housing partnership with the federal government over many decades. FHA has been critical to that partnership. We are excited to work with Ms. Gordon in this new capacity to build on that record.

Sincerely,

Stockton Williams
Executive Director

cc: Stanley Hardy (Chairman Brown)
Elie Greenbaum (Ranking Member Toomey)
Sarah Brundage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, HUD

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