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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, Housing, and Urban Affairs 534 Dirksen Senate Office Building U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Brown and Ranking Member Toomey,

On behalf of its state housing finance agency members, the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA)¹ urges you to support the nomination of Solomon Greene to become the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

We have worked closely with Mr. Greene in a number of his previous jobs. He has demonstrated a commitment to evidence-based research and broad collaboration with a wide variety of stakeholders to conduct high-level research and determine how to apply that research to pragmatic strategies for increasing access to affordable housing for all.

Mr. Greene's work at the Urban Institute, HUD, the Open Society Foundation, and other organizations demonstrates his breadth of experience and readiness for this senior position at HUD. We are confident he will pursue policy development and research projects that address the serious affordable housing challenges our country faces today. We expect him to lead the Office of Policy Development and Research well and to seek out a broad range of information and opinions from a variety of internal and external sources.

We urge the committee to swiftly consider his nomination and report it favorably to the Senate.

Sincerely,

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cc: Stanley Hardy (Chairman Brown)

Elie Greenbaum (Ranking Member Toomey)

Sarah Brundage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, HUD

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