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

Dear Senators Brown and Crapo,

The National Housing & Rehabilitation Association (NH&RA) supports the nomination of Representative Marcia Fudge as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Rep. Fudge's years of public service as a prosecutor, mayor and congresswoman will serve her well in this next chapter as she seeks to end the country's vast disparities in housing affordability and ensure that everyone has a roof over their head. Her track record of bipartisan accomplishments is impressive, and we believe her common-ground seeking approach will allow her to positively impact the lives of millions of Americans as they grapple with the challenges presented by COVID-19. Her unique life experiences, commitment to equity and racial justice and understanding of the issues as a mayor will only bolster her efforts.

NH&RA is a national trade association of affordable housing development and finance professionals. Our members span the gamut of affordable housing professionals including developers, owners and operators, third-party compliance contractors, tax credit (Low Income Housing Tax Credit, Historic Tax Credit, New Markets Tax Credit) investors and syndicators, lenders, lawyers, accountants, market analysts, appraisers, housing finance agencies and public housing authorities, among others. Many of our members represent the private portion of the public-private partnerships under HUD's jurisdiction and we look forward to expanding housing opportunities for low-income American's under Secretary Designate Fudge's leadership.

NH&RA urges this committee and the Senate to quickly approve her nomination so she can begin the urgent work of ensuring that everyone in America has a safe, decent and affordable place to call home.

Sincerely,

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President