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

Dear Chairman Brown and Ranking Member Toomey,

The National Housing & Rehabilitation Association (NH&RA) supports the nomination of Julia Gordon to serve as Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Gordon is well prepared for the position based on her deep knowledge in both multifamily and single-family housing from her days at the National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST), Center for American Progress, Federal Housing Finance Agency and Center for Responsible Lending. Gordon is known throughout the affordable housing industry for her thoughtful, fact-based and balanced approach.

Gordon helped to develop the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act, which would address the value gap created when the cost of rehabilitating or building a home is greater than the post-construction value of the home. Gordon and her team at NCST manage real estate owned properties and find community-based buyers for these vacant, abandoned and distressed properties. Gordon deeply understands the lasting community and personal impacts of foreclosures and is well suited to do everything in her power as FHA commissioner to prevent unnecessary foreclosures coming out of the current economic downturn.

National Housing & Rehabilitation Association (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 Assistant Secretary Designate Gordon'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thom Amdur", written in a cursive style.

Thom Amdur
President