

August 4, 2021

Dear Senator:

The **81** undersigned consumer, civil rights, community, housing, and other public interest groups write to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of Julia Gordon as Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Julia Gordon is particularly well-suited to serve as the next FHA commissioner. She brings a crucial blend of policy insights, coalition-building expertise, and experience engaging with a broad range of stakeholders that will make her an effective leader. Ms. Gordon is a leading policy voice on many important housing issues under FHA's purview, including mortgage policy, affordable housing, blight prevention, non-performing loan sales, and single-family rentals.

Ms. Gordon is known in the mortgage, affordable housing, and community development sectors for her commitment and dedication to supporting sustainable homeownership, strengthening neighborhood housing markets and promoting neighborhood stability. She has the experience, insight, and perspective needed to effectively oversee FHA's broad housing portfolio. For many families of color and first-time homebuyers, obtaining a FHA mortgage is their door to homeownership. Ms. Gordon's commitment to racial and economic justice will make sure that more people of color and first time homebuyers are able to access homeownership. Her wealth of housing expertise and government experience will enable her to successfully lead FHA in a way that will benefit all FHA homeowners and the housing market as a whole.

Under Ms. Gordon's leadership, more families will be able to access affordable homeownership and sustainable loss mitigation options that will allow struggling borrowers to maintain long term homeownership, which will stabilize neighborhoods and make a positive difference in the lives of families across the country. We believe that Ms. Gordon's extensive knowledge of the housing market, government experience, and ability to work with stakeholders from a variety of interests makes her particularly well-suited to lead FHA. We strongly urge you to support her prompt confirmation.

Sincerely,

Americans for Financial Reform
AAA-Residential Resources, Inc.
Acts Housing

Affordable Homeownership Foundation Inc.
Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania
Arizona Housing Coalition
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
California Reinvestment Coalition
Center for Community Progress
Center for Fair Housing
Center for NYC Neighborhoods Inc.
Center for Responsible Lending
CNY Fair Housing
Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
COHHIO
Connecticut Fair Housing Center
Consumer Action
Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling, Inc. d/b/a National Foundation for Debt Management
Consumer Federation of America
Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety
Credit Advisors Foundation
DABS llc
Debthelper.com
Empire Justice Center
Equal Rights Center
Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California
Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana
Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama
Fair Housing Center of West Michigan
Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania
High Plains Fair Housing Center
HomeFree-USA
Homeownership Council of America
Homes on the Hill, CDC
Housing Equality Law Project (HELP)
Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. Buffalo
Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc.
Housing Options Provided for the Elderly
Integrated Community Solutions, Inc.
Intermountain Fair Housing Council
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.
Kentucky Resources Council, Inc.
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Long Island Housing Services, Inc.
Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center
Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition
Massachusetts Communities Action Network
Massachusetts Fair Housing Center
Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc.
Mississippi Center for Justice
Mni Sota Fund
Morningstar Urban Development Inc
National Association of Consumer Advocates
National CAPACD- National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Foundation for Credit Counseling
National Housing Resource Center
National Urban League
NCALL Research, Inc.
Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore
Neighborhood Restore HDFC
New Jersey Citizen Action
NFCC National Foundation for Credit Counseling
North Texas Fair Housing Center
Northwest Side Housing Center
Philadelphia Unemployment Project
Prosperity Now
Public Justice Center
Reinvestment Partners
Rural Community Assistance Corporation
Safeguard Credit Counseling
South Suburban Housing Center
St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. dba Neighborhood Home Solutions
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
UnidosUS
Ventura County Community Development Corporation
Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc.
Woodstock Institute
Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation