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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader, United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader, United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA), and the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA), we urge the Senate to quickly vote to confirm Hunter Kurtz to the position of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Kurtz is a dedicated public servant with years of experience in the field of housing and community development. The current Deputy Chief of Staff at HUD, Mr. Kurtz has an extensive background at HUD serving in several capacities under the administration of President George W. Bush. Most recently, Mr. Kurtz was the Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Revitalization for the City of Detroit, which provided him with invaluable experience operating HUD programs at the local level.

The Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing is a critical position within HUD upon which our members depend to serve their residents. NAHRO, CLPHA, and PHADA represent nearly every public housing authority in the country. Our members own or administer the nation's public housing stock and tenant-based Section 8 housing. They assist millions of American families. The current vacancy in this position impacts our members' access to speedy policy deliberation and administration of these programs.

We believe that Mr. Kurtz will be an asset to HUD given his background in housing and community development. We look forward to working with him and we urge swift confirmation of Mr. Kurtz to the position of Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing.

Sincerely,

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