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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the more than 1.4 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), I write in support of the nomination of Matthew M. Jones to serve as Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Following today's vote by the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, NAR urges you to bring his nomination to the Senate floor for a confirmation vote before the end of the 119th Congress.

Mr. Jones brings extensive experience in housing finance to this role. As HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing, he currently oversees the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) single-family portfolio of more than eight million insured mortgages. Before joining HUD, he served as Associate Vice President for Government Housing Finance at the Mortgage Bankers Association. Earlier in his career, he was Senior Counsel to the Senate Banking and Senate Finance Committees. He understands how FHA programs work in practice for lenders and borrowers, and he understands the oversight responsibilities of the committee that will continue to work with him.

FHA plays a critical role in the housing market. It remains one of the most important sources of mortgage credit for first-time homebuyers and low- and moderate-income borrowers, many of whom would otherwise be shut out of homeownership. FHA has been without a Senate-confirmed Commissioner since June. Confirmed, stable leadership will allow the agency to set clear priorities for its programs and give lenders, housing counselors and Realtors® the certainty they need to serve buyers well.

NAR looks forward to working closely with Mr. Jones and the administration to advance policies that increase housing supply and improve affordability for homebuyers and renters across the country. We respectfully urge the Senate to confirm his nomination without delay.

Sincerely,



Christine Hansen
2027 President, National Association of REALTORS®

cc: The Honorable Tim Scott, Chairman, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs The Honorable Elizabeth Warren, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs