



MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION

November 18, 2019

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing
Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing, and
and Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Crapo and Ranking Member Brown:

On behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), I am writing you to support the nomination of the Honorable Brian Montgomery to serve as the next Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). I urge the Senate Banking Committee to approve his nomination as quickly as possible.

Mr. Montgomery's service as FHA Commissioner, in two separate Administrations, as well as his recent tenure as Acting Deputy Secretary, provide him with a unique perspective on the issues facing the Department and our nation's housing and mortgage markets. This experience will continue to serve him well as HUD's second highest ranking official. I am confident that he will continue to bring a deep commitment and focus to HUD's programmatic areas most in need of his time and attention.

Mr. Montgomery has demonstrated throughout his career that he possesses the intellect to understand and respond appropriately to complex challenges. We believe he will put those talents to good use, helping strengthen America's housing market, promoting the production of affordable rental housing, and improving the fabric of communities nationwide.

I again respectfully urge the Banking Committee and, in turn, the full Senate to approve Mr. Montgomery's nomination as swiftly as possible. MBA looks forward to working with him in this role. Thank you in advance for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. D. Broeksmit". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert D. Broeksmit, CMB
President and Chief Executive Officer