



MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION

February 20, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), we support the nomination of the Honorable Brian D. Montgomery to serve as the next Deputy Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Montgomery's nomination was approved in the Banking Committee on December 11, 2019 by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 20 – 5, and we urge the full Senate to confirm him 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 serve him well as HUD's second highest ranking official. We are 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.

We again respectfully urge the full Senate to approve Commissioner 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, appearing to read "R. D. Broeksmit", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert D. Broeksmit, CMB
President and Chief Executive Officer