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Honorable Michael Crapo  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking,  
Housing and Urban Affairs  
SD 534 Dirksen Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, PHADA represents the professional administrators of more than 1,900 housing authorities from all over the United States. I am writing on behalf of our members concerning the nomination of Robert Hunter Kurtz to be Assistant Secretary of HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development needs effective leadership and capacity to oversee its policy and regulatory agenda, and to deliver critically-needed services, during the next three-plus years of the Trump Administration. To that end, PHADA respectfully requests that your committee confirm Mr. Kurtz' nomination as soon as possible. The nominee gained valuable policy experience while working at headquarters during the George W. Bush Administration. In addition, he has helpful practical experience, having worked for the City of Detroit's office of housing and revitalization. This combination of local and Washington experience will no doubt serve the Department and its various programs well.

Thank you for your consideration of PHADA's views. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

John Clarke  
PHADA President

cc: Honorable Sherrod Brown, Ranking Member, Senate Banking Committee