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The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman
Committee on Banking,
Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking,
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United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Crapo and Ranking Member Brown:

On behalf of America's credit unions, I am writing today regarding the Administration's nomination of Dr. Mark Calabria to serve as the next Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). The Credit Union National Association (CUNA) represents America's state and federal credit unions and the 115 million members that they serve.

CUNA has not historically taken positions on presidential nominations and, therefore, we are not expressing a view on the merits of Dr. Calabria's nomination. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that credit unions play an increasingly important role in the housing finance market and, as a result, have a vested interest in the ongoing stability of the secondary mortgage market that the next Director of the FHFA will help oversee.

Accordingly, as Congress and the Administration work together to reform the current housing finance system, it will be essential for the new Director of the FHFA to prioritize the following principles:

- **Equal Access:** The secondary market must be accessible to lenders of all sizes on an equitable basis;
- **Affordability:** The housing finance system must continue to provide qualified consumers with access to predictable, affordable mortgage payments;
- **A Reasonable and Orderly Transition:** Any transition to a new housing finance system must be reasonable and orderly;
- **Strong Oversight and Supervision:** Secondary market entities must be subject to appropriate regulatory and supervisory oversight to ensure their safety and soundness;
- **Durability:** The housing finance system should include an explicit federally insured or guaranteed component to ensure that, even in troubled economic times, the secondary mortgage market continues to exist; and
- **Preserving What Works:** The housing finance system should preserve the processes that work, such as cost-effective and member-oriented credit union mortgage servicing options,

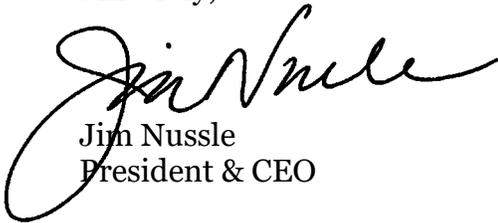
emphasizing consumer education and home-purchase counseling, and applying reasonable conforming loan limits that adequately consider local real estate expenses in higher cost areas.

The next FHFA Director can build upon and strengthen the existing partnerships between credit unions, Government-Sponsored Enterprises, and Federal Home Loan Banks by ensuring access to responsible and affordable mortgage credit for millions of credit union members. Going forward, CUNA will continue to work with the Agency and its new leadership to accomplish that objective.

Conclusion

On behalf of America's credit unions and their 115 million members, thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nussle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "N".

Jim Nussle
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