



August 28, 2017

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

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

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer,

On behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association, I am writing to urge that the full Senate vote quickly on the nominations of Pamela Hughes Patenaude to serve as the next Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Paul Compton to serve as HUD General Counsel when the Senate returns to session next week.

Both Pam and Paul have extensive backgrounds in housing and a deep understanding of the challenges facing HUD, as well as the critical role the department plays in helping millions of American families. Paul has significant experience in the areas of tax credits and affordable housing and Pam possesses an unrivaled background honed over a 30-year career that included two prior tours of duty at HUD.

With several thousand Texans displaced from their homes in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, it is now more critical than ever that HUD have a Deputy Secretary in place to oversee disaster recovery and coordination with other federal and state agencies working to address the housing situation in Houston. Pam played a key role in coordinating HUD's response to natural disasters during her prior tenure at HUD and her experience in this regard will be highly beneficial to the department.

I'm certain HUD will benefit from both Pam and Paul's public and private sector experience. MBA urges the Senate to approve their nominations quickly and we look forward to working with them in their new roles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.H. Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

David H. Stevens, CMB
President and Chief Executive Officer