



Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform

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Dear Pam:

Please let me take this opportunity, on behalf of the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) and its members, to congratulate you on your selection by HUD to become the new Administrator of the federal manufactured housing program.

We welcome your selection for this important position and look forward to working with you on various fronts to help improve the manufactured housing program, expand the availability of affordable manufactured housing for all Americans, and restore and revitalize the manufactured housing industry as the nation's premiere source of affordable, non-subsidized home-ownership.

From our past association, including your earlier tenure with HUD, and especially from working together to enact the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000, we know that you are thoroughly familiar, not only with the law and the federal program, but with the industry itself and its unique attributes. The program, however, faces significant challenges that will need to be addressed, including remaining issues with the full and proper implementation of the 2000 reform law and the diminished status of the federal program as illustrated by its incorporation within the Office of Risk Management.

That said, in the interests of full disclosure and fairness to you, while MHARR is very pleased that you have been named to this position and we will do our utmost to work with you to advance the objectives and purposes of this unique program, the 2000 reform law mandates the appointment of the program administrator on a non-career basis. The Department, however, unilaterally altered this directive through a career-based position vacancy announcement on June 21, 2013 and a process leading to the selection of a new administrator on a career – rather than non-career – basis as provided by law. Needless to say, since MHARR is committed to the full

and proper implementation of 2000 reform law, the Association is also committed to challenging this unilateral alteration of the law and will proceed to do so – on a separate track -- soon.

Notwithstanding this issue concerning the proper construction and implementation of the 2000 law, please let me reiterate that we look forward to your tenure as program administrator and to working together with you to bring truly affordable homeownership opportunities to millions more Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny D. Ghorbani', with a large, stylized initial 'D' and a long, sweeping tail.

Danny D. Ghorbani
President and CEO

cc: MHARR Manufacturer Members