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The Honorable Dr. Ben Carson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Carson,

On behalf of the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA), I would like to congratulate you on your confirmation as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NAHMA is delighted to work with you on affordable housing issues.

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing management, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. NAHMA's membership represents 75 percent of the affordable housing management industry, and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies.

As you are aware, there are a number of major affordable housing challenges facing the nation in the coming year, including:

- Providing for timely and full funding for HUD's rental assistance programs, including Project Based Section 8 housing assistance payment contracts;
- Preserving and developing new affordable housing units;
- Improving the operation between tax credits, rural, and HUD housing programs;
- Reducing regulatory burden in affordable housing policies; and
- Ensuring tenants can access economic opportunity by eliminating barriers to reinvestment in communities that have been plagued by persistent poverty.

I would like to request a meeting to discuss these important issues with you and your HUD staff in early April. Please contact Larry Keys at 703-683-8630 x 111 or lkeys@nahma.org to schedule a specific meeting date and time

I look forward to the opportunity to share NAHMA's perspectives about improving HUD's multifamily housing programs, which are critical to providing quality rental housing to families in need and to improving economic opportunity for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Cook", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kris Cook, CAE
Executive Director