



MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION

November 28, 2022

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing,
and Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pat Toomey
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing,
and Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Brown and Ranking Member Toomey:

In advance of the full Senate Banking Committee's planned nomination hearing this week, I am writing to express the support of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) for the nomination of Dr. Kimberly Ann McClain to serve as HUD's Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

As you know, MBA is the national association representing the real estate finance industry, a critical sector of the economy that employs more than 400,000 people in virtually every community in the country. The association works to ensure the continued strength of the nation's residential and commercial real estate markets, to expand homeownership, and to extend access to affordable housing to all Americans.

Dr. McClain currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Throughout her 30-year career, she has served in a variety of legislative affairs, international affairs, and policy positions in the public and private sectors. Prior to being appointed to her current role, Dr. McClain served as Director for Congressional Strategy for the Department of the Air Force, Legislative Advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Director of the Defense Senior Leader Program in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

In the private sector, Dr. McClain has served in a variety of roles with Accenture Federal Services, Sonic Restaurant Industries, and Capital One Financial Services. A retired Air Force Reserve Officer, Dr. McClain earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Sociology from the University of Texas. Dr. McClain also earned a Master of Science in Human Relations and International Business (with Latin America concentration) from Amberton University and a Ph.D. in International Business (with a concentration in Africa and Brazil) from Northcentral University.

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Having had the opportunity to meet Dr. McClain, I believe she has the requisite skillset to operate effectively with the Congress and other intergovernmental entities on HUD's behalf. She has a demonstrated track record of working collaboratively with industry, Congress, and other key government officials.

Following her nomination hearing, I would respectfully urge you to report Dr. McClain's nomination favorably to the full Senate as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for the consideration of the views expressed within this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Broeksmit", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert D. Broeksmit, CMB
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: All Members, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs