

SUPPORT FAIR HOUSING MONTH: URGE HUD TO FINALIZE THE AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING RULE

Dear Colleague:

In celebration of Fair Housing Month this April, please join us in signing the below letter to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in support of the proposed new [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing \(AFFH\) rule](#) [*Docket No. FR-5173-P-01*].

The goals that inspired us in the aftermath of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination in 1968 are the same ones we still face today: to eliminate housing discrimination and create equal opportunity in every community. Economic opportunity has its roots where you live: zip code is a major factor in determining the type of education, jobs, health and other quality of life outcomes that people in this country experience. For too long and for too many people, housing options have been limited because of race, gender, religion, national origin, family status or presence of a disability.

Unequal access to vital community resources results in unequal access to opportunity, and undermines our prosperity and success as a nation. Segregation and racially concentrated poverty conflict with long-established public policy intent as well as our shared national value of access to opportunity. Our current limited economic mobility is directly linked to residential segregation, which this rule is intended to address.

The AFFH Rule will advance opportunity in America by shaping investments in housing, transportation, infrastructure, and economic development. Implementation of this rule will help all our communities make progress toward the goals of achieving housing opportunity, overcoming historic patterns of racial and other segregation, and improving coordinated public investment in areas of highly concentrated poverty.

We hope that you will join us in urging HUD to move swiftly to enact a final rule, and to ensure that HUD has the tools in place to support its successful implementation. The deadline to sign the letter is April 25, 2014. To sign on please contact Carol Wayman with Rep. Ellison (carol.wayman@mail.house.gov) at 54755 or Gregg Orton with Rep. Green (Gregg.orton@mail.house.gov) at 57508.

Sincerely,

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