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FINAL SUSPENSION ORDER

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, as safety and soundness regulator of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the eleven Federal Home Loan Banks (collectively the “regulated entities”), is issuing this Final Order pursuant to the following legal authorities:

1. Section 1313 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (Safety and Soundness Act) authorizing FHFA to exercise such incidental powers as may be necessary in the supervision and regulation of the regulated entities. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4513(a)(2);
2. Section 1313B of the Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 authorizes FHFA to establish standards for the regulated entities regarding prudential management of risks. FHFA is authorized to issue orders requiring the regulated entities to take any action that will best carry out the purposes of that section. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4513b(b)(2)(B)(iii); and
3. Section 1319G of the Safety and Soundness Act authorizing FHFA to issue any orders necessary to ensure that the purposes of the Safety and Soundness Act are accomplished. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4526(a).

Consistent with these authorities, FHFA has determined that any business relationship between Seth P. Levine and the regulated entities would present excessive risk to their safety and soundness.

This determination is based on the following findings:

1. Seth P. Levine was the founding partner, owner, and managing member of Norse Holdings, LLC, which had its principal place of business in Hackensack, New Jersey.
2. Norse Holdings, LLC was the parent company of more than 70 other limited liability companies (Subsidiary Companies), of which Seth P. Levine was also the founding partner, owner, and managing member.
3. Each of the Subsidiary Companies owned one or more multifamily buildings, more commonly known as apartment buildings, located primarily in the state of New Jersey.
4. From at least in or about 2009 through in or about August 2019, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, Seth P. Levine conspired to submit and submitted false and fraudulent documents to financial institutions to obtain mortgages for properties held by subsidiaries of Norse Holdings, LLC.

5. Seth P. Levine also solicited investors to invest in these same properties based on false and fraudulent representations about the condition of the properties the use of investor funds.
6. Seth P. Levine was sentenced by the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey to imprisonment for a term of (97) months and to five (5) years supervised release.
7. The conduct underlying the conviction described above occurred in connection with a mortgage business.

With this Final Order, FHFA is directing each regulated entity to cease or refrain from engaging in any business relationship with Seth P. Levine indefinitely, beginning on August 15, 2022. This suspension extends to any individual, company, partnership or other group that FHFA determines to be an affiliate of Seth P. Levine.

The Final Order's requirement for regulated entities to cease any business relationship with Seth P. Levine does not apply to the existing or future purchase, sale, modification, foreclosure alternative transaction, or other foreclosure-related transaction of a residential mortgage loan owned by a regulated entity, if Seth P. Levine is the borrower of such residential mortgage loan and the transaction is for the borrower's own personal or household residence.

This Final Order is a final action of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Clinton Jones, Suspending Official