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**Submitted Electronically**

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Attn: Comments/RIN 2590-AA83

Federal Housing Finance Agency

400 Seventh Street SW

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Washington, D.C. 20219

**Re: AHP Notice of Proposed Rule – Comment period extension request**

Dear Mr. Pollard:

I am writing to request additional time to comment on the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s (“FHFA”) proposed Affordable Housing Program Amendments (“Proposed Rule”) issued on March 14, 2018, with a 60-day comment period ending May 14, 2018. The Proposed Rule introduces new and complex requirements that would result in significant changes to the Affordable Housing Program (“the AHP”). I am a consultant and a member of FHLBank Pittsburgh’s Affordable Housing Advisory Council.

Given the importance of the AHP to FHLB members, program sponsors, stakeholders, and the communities they serve, adequate time is needed to assess and respond to the Proposed Rule. Additionally, an extended comment period is consistent with similar requests made by the 11 FHLBanks and their Affordable Housing Advisory Councils (AHAC) at a joint meeting with the FHFA in October 2017, in anticipation of this proposal. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the conclusion of the comment period be extended at least an additional 30 days to June 14, 2018.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Virginia L. Lewis, President

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