

April 26, 2018

The Honorable Melvin Watt
Director
Federal Housing Finance Agency
Constitution Center
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20219

Regulatory Information Number (RIN): 2590-AA83

Re: Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Amendments

Dear Director Watt:

The National Housing Conference and the undersigned organizations write to you to request additional time to comment on the Federal Housing Finance Agency's proposed rule RIN 2590- AA83, Affordable Housing Program amendments, which was issued on March 14, 2018, with a 60-day comment period that ends on May 14, 2018. While we appreciate that FHFA provided an opportunity to submit feedback, we believe that the extent and complexity of the issues raised in the proposed rule necessitate an extension.

Since 1990, the AHP program has awarded more than \$5.4 billion which has assisted in the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of more than 827,000 units of affordable housing. Given this significant role we want to ensure that proposed changes are carefully reviewed by all stakeholders. The proposed amendments represent the most extensive revisions to the AHP in over 20 years. At over 190 pages, the complexity and length of the proposed rule have presented analytical challenges. We believe an extension is critical to ensure that we have adequate time to fully engage stakeholders to analyze it and provide thoughtful comments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.
Better Community Development, Inc.
Bodaken & Associates
Coldwell Banker
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Consumer Mortgage Coalition
DHIC
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
FL Alliance of Community Development Corporations, Inc.
Grounded Solutions Network
Habitat for Humanity International
Homestead Community Land Trust

Housing Authority of Baltimore City
Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.
Housing Partnership Network
Leon N. Weiner & Assoc., Inc.
Maine Affordable Housing Coalition
Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency
Miami-Dade County Department of Public Housing and Community
Development
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders
National Association of Home Builders
National Housing Conference
National Housing Trust
Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State
NeighborWorks America®
Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California
Ohio CDC Association
One Roof Community Housing
Opportunity Finance Network
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association
Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations
Prosperity Indiana
Sacramento Housing Alliance
SKA Marin
Somerset Development Company
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future
Tennessee Housing Development Agency
Texas Association of CDCs
The Realty Alliance
Women's Community Revitalization Project