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The Honorable Marcia Fudge
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Fudge:

I am writing to convey the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) support for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposed updated minimum energy standards for new public housing and new homes receiving Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or USDA assisted or insured housing. NASEO represents the governor-designated energy directors and offices from the 56 states, territories, and District of Columbia.

NASEO believes the proposed move to modernize the minimum energy standards for HUD, FHA, and USDA backed loans will lower energy costs for residents of newly constructed homes, increase the resilience of homes against extreme weather, and reduce demand on energy systems. Moreover, lower energy bills resulting from modern codes helps to reduce the financial risk of these federally-supported loans for homeowners, as well as for taxpayers that ultimately guarantee the loans.

We appreciate HUD's and USDA's leadership on this important building energy issue. This HUD and USDA action is consistent with the bipartisan *Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007* (EISA), as well as the results of the commercial and residential consensus building code process. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Terry", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

David Terry, President
NASEO

CC: State Energy Directors, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack,
U.S. Secretary of Energy Granholm