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The Honorable Shaun Donovan  
Secretary, US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC

Dear Secretary Donovan,

I am writing again concerning the regulations that will govern the operation of the National Housing Trust Fund that are in development at HUD.

As I understand it, the current status is that the regulations are "in clearance" at HUD, after which they will go to OMB. They are to be issued as "interim" regulations, as opposed to "proposed" regulations. This means that the program can be implemented while comments on the regulations are submitted and considered. If the regulations were issued as proposed, HUD would have to solicit and consider comments prior to implementation.

On behalf of the National Housing Trust Fund campaign, I respectfully request that the regulations be issued as proposed, not interim. Given the concerns that we have raised previously about the regulations, we would greatly prefer to have the opportunity to review them thoroughly and seek needed changes, if any, before they go into effect. Although we have been reassured by much of what we have heard will be in the regulations, given that we have not been able to see anything in written form, it would be to best for all concerned that the process be one that maximizes opportunity for clarity and consensus.

Please get back to me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheila Crowley, President  
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