

May 8, 2020

The Honorable Ben Carson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th St SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Carson:

The complexity of the federal regulatory environment creates extraordinary challenges for small businesses and entrepreneurs. This complexity is even more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic. As our country charts a path toward a full economic recovery, federal financial regulators must ensure that unnecessary regulatory burdens do not threaten this effort. To that end, federal financial regulators should be working to finalize outstanding rules that will stimulate economic growth as quickly as possible and to repeal existing regulations that hinder employers from directing resources to their employees and their communities.

In consideration of the limitations that businesses face today, and the magnitude of the costs imposed by the pandemic, I urge you and your staff to work expeditiously to create the most favorable conditions for growth and employment. To that end, Congress expects swift action on the following:

- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Streamlining and Enhancement
- Reconsideration of HUD's Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard
- Project Approval for Single Family Condominium
- Applying the Fair Housing Act to Decide Whether a Person's Request to Have an Animal as a Reasonable Accommodation Should Be Granted
- Regulations Associated with H.R. 3700, the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016

Please provide a status report to these regulatory priorities no later than May 21, 2020. The report should include an estimated completion date for each regulatory priority enumerated above. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Patrick McHenry
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Maxine Waters, Chairwoman