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NAHMA Welcomes Scott Turner as New HUD Secretary

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 6, 2025 — The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) congratulates Scott Turner on his confirmation as secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Secretary Turner took the oath Wednesday after the Senate voted to confirm him. As secretary of HUD, Turner now leads a federal department with broad reach throughout the United States, including the Community Planning and Development, Office of Housing, Public and Indian Housing, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Policy Development and Research, Field Policy and Management, Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), and Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program.

The association welcomes the chance to work with HUD's new leadership on affordable housing issues, including:

- Reducing regulatory barriers to increase the preservation and development of new affordable housing units while ensuring tenants can access upward economic mobility.
- Addressing operational challenges to property owners of the federally assisted portfolio, including rapidly rising insurance costs, resident safety, outdated IT systems, and misalignment between rents and operating expenses.
- Ensuring timely and complete funding for HUD's rental assistance programs, including Project-Based Section 8 housing assistance payment contracts and service coordinators grants.

Secretary Turner previously led the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council, driving the Opportunity Zones Initiative. He also served as an associate pastor at Prestonwood Baptist Church, founder and CEO of the Community Engagement & Opportunity Council, and a housing development executive at JPI. A lifelong Texan, Turner represented the 33rd District in the Texas State Legislature and played nine seasons in the National Football League.

"We wish Secretary Turner much success in leading HUD and look forward to advancing our shared goals of providing decent, safe, and affordable housing to all Americans and improving residents' lives," Kris Cook, CAE, NAHMA CEO, said. "We look forward to the opportunity to share NAHMA's perspectives about improving HUD's multifamily housing programs, which are critical to providing quality rental housing to families in need and improving economic opportunity for all Americans."

NAHMA is the leading voice for the affordable housing management industry, promoting developing, managing and preserving quality affordable multifamily housing. NAHMA advocates for legislative and regulatory policy and provides affordable housing professionals with the knowledge to advance excellence in the communities they serve. NAHMA's membership represents 75% of

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