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Senator Mike Crapo
Chairman, Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Chairman Crapo:

On behalf of the National Association and Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), I thank you for your dedication to ensuring small housing agencies are not unfairly burdened by disproportionate rules and regulations that prevent them from effectively and efficiently serving their communities.

The Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (S. 2155) provides desperately-needed regulatory relief to small housing agencies across the country. Specifically, the bill would:

- Streamline public housing inspections, making the process less burdensome on the agency while protecting residents' right to decent, healthy housing;
- Streamline the environmental review process for small projects under \$100,000;
- Create an appeals process for troubled agencies that protects residents and allows agencies to demonstrate solvency;
- Stabilize utility and wastewaters spending by freezing costs for 20 years
- Improve the reporting system at HUD for agencies that choose to operate under a consortia; and
- Authorize the Family Self-Sufficiency program.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and our members have been fighting for similar reform for nearly a decade. We deeply appreciate both your work and the work of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs committee to help our members better serve their communities.

Sincerely,

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