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Chairman Tim Scott
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Scott:

We write to strongly urge you to postpone today's scheduled executive session to vote on the nomination of Scott Turner, President Trump's nominee to be the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. To date, the Committee has yet to be informed that Mr. Turner's FBI background investigation is complete, and as a result, neither the Chair nor the Ranking Member has been provided a briefing on the results of the investigation.

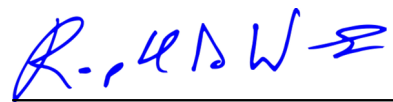
It would be irresponsible for the Committee to vote on a Cabinet nominee without this background check. And it would not be consistent with Committee precedent. The Committee's customary practice – followed by both Republican and Democratic chairs – is to hold an executive session to vote on a nomination only after completion of the FBI background investigation and receipt of a briefing on it. Under Chairman Brown in the 117th and 118th Congresses, nominees received a Committee vote only after their background check was complete. Holding an executive session to vote on the nomination without a complete FBI background check would be a departure from this practice. If confirmed, Mr. Turner will serve as a member of President Trump's cabinet and be in the order of presidential succession. Accordingly, it is imperative that the Committee receives Mr. Turner's FBI background investigation before proceeding to a Committee vote.

The Banking Committee cannot perform its constitutional responsibility to provide advice and consent for Trump Administration nominees when it is missing key information about those nominees. The Committee must be deliberate and thorough to avoid rushing the nomination process. For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Committee postpone today's executive session.

Sincerely,



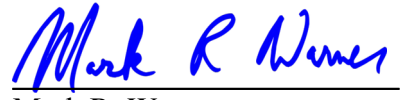
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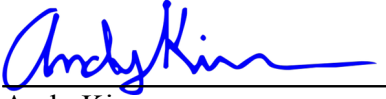
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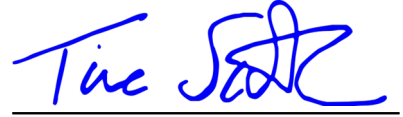
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