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March 4, 2025

William (Bill) Pulte Director-Designate, Federal Housing Finance Agency The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Pulte:

The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is in the process of considering your nomination to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). During the Committee's review of your nomination, Committee staff discovered that you appear to have deleted over 25,000 posts from your X account just days after the November 2024 election.¹ Specifically, on November 13, 2024, your X account appears to have included over 25,500 posts.² But by November 22, 2024, your account registered only 240 posts³, and as of February 26, 2025, it registered just 257 posts.⁴

In an effort to better evaluate your policy positions, temperament, and fitness to serve as the FHFA Director, on February 26, 2025, I wrote to X requesting your deleted social media activity.⁵ One day later, on February 27, 2025, the Committee held a hearing to consider your nomination.⁶ After the hearing, in submitted Questions for the Record (QFRs), I requested that you ensure the Committee has access to your deleted posts prior to a Committee vote on your

 ¹ Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, "Letter from Ranking Member Elizabeth Warren to X CEO Linda Yaccarino," February 26, 2025, <u>https://www.banking.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/lettertoxrepulte.pdf</u>.
² Social Blade, "Bill Pulte Twitter Activity," <u>https://socialblade.com/twitter/user/pulte/monthly</u> (accessed February 26, 2025). *See* also The Wayback Machine, "Bill Pulte Archived Account," <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20240916053640/https://x.com/pulte</u> and Appendix.

³ Social Blade, "Bill Pulte Twitter Activity," <u>https://socialblade.com/twitter/user/pulte/monthly</u> (accessed February 26, 2024). Also see Appendix.

⁴ X, "Bill Pulte Account," <u>https://x.com/pulte?lang=en</u> (accessed February 26, 2025). *See* also Social Blade, "Bill Pulte Twitter Activity," <u>https://socialblade.com/twitter/user/pulte/monthly</u> and Appendix.

⁵ Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, "Letter from Ranking Member Elizabeth Warren to X CEO Linda Yaccarino," February 26, 2025, <u>https://www.banking.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/lettertoxrepulte.pdf</u>.

⁶ Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, "Nomination Hearing of William (Bill) Pulte," February 27, 2025, <u>https://www.banking.senate.gov/hearings/02/20/2025/nomination-hearing</u>.

nomination. In responding to my question, you failed to provide proper assurances that you would comply with my request.⁷

I therefore write to request that you immediately contact X to retrieve your deleted posts and provide the posts to the Committee before a vote on your nomination scheduled for March 6, 2025. The Senate has a constitutional duty of providing advice and consent on your nomination. Your activity on X is critical to ensuring the Committee comprehensively carries out its responsibilities.

Please provide copies of all X posts that you deleted between November 5, 2024, and March 4, 2025, by no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Should you have questions about this request, please contact my staff at (202) 224-7391.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Warren Ranking Member Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

⁷ Responses from Mr. William Pulte, Director Designate, Federal Housing Finance Agency, to Questions for the Record from Senator Elizabeth Warren, <u>https://www.banking.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/pulte_response.pdf</u>, pg. 30-31.

APPENDIX

Figure 1. Bill Pulte X account @Pulte on February 26, 2025 (showing 257 posts).



Figure 2. Bill Pulte X account @Pulte on September 16, 2024 (showing 24,800 posts), accessed via the Wayback Machine.



Figure 3. Bill Pulte X account @Pulte showing the number of tweets on November 13, 2024, compared to the number of tweets on November 22, 2024.



