



February 26, 2025

The Honorable Tim Scott
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban
Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Scott and Ranking Member Warren:

On behalf of the Council of Federal Home Loan Banks (the Council) and all our member Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks), I am writing regarding the nomination of Bill Pulte to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). We believe that Mr. Pulte's background in home building and his work promoting affordable housing represent important expertise that will benefit him in this role. We appreciate your consideration of Mr. Pulte's nomination.

The FHLBanks are member-owned, privately capitalized financial cooperatives that provide essential liquidity and grants to member financial institutions, driving housing finance and economic growth and community development. The liquidity mission of the FHLBanks is crucial to the stability of the broader financial system, enabling members to access reliable, competitively priced funds. This, in turn, allows the FHLBanks to fulfill the secondary part of their mission to support housing affordability and community development.

Any disruption to the FHLBank System's liquidity function would have far-reaching consequences for housing—particularly affordable housing—and community development efforts. The FHLBanks demonstrate their commitment to this mission primarily by providing advances (loans) to member institutions that are backed by mortgage-related collateral. The FHLBanks also operate mortgage acquisition programs, provide letters of credit, and administer affordable housing and community development initiatives, along with support for small businesses, agriculture, and agri-business lending through community financial institutions.

To effectively carry out their mission, the FHLBanks need a transparent and less burdensome regulatory environment that allows them to meet members' liquidity needs in a safe, sound, efficient, and reliable manner, regardless of economic conditions. If confirmed, we look forward to working with Mr. Pulte to achieve this objective.

We appreciate that the President has prioritized, and that the Committee has expedited consideration of, Mr. Pulte's nomination. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Donovan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Ryan Donovan
President and CEO