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The Honorable Chris Dodd
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing
and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Dodd and Ranking Member Shelby:

The undersigned organizations strongly encourage you to move quickly to consider legislation to reform the oversight of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Banks (“GSEs”).

The GSEs play a vital role in maintaining mortgage market liquidity and stability and promoting affordable housing. It is important, therefore, that the GSEs remain financially safe and sound and focused on their Congressionally chartered purposes. Legislation to put in place a strong and effective regulator for the GSEs is a priority for our organizations. The Senate Banking Committee has done significant work on this issue over the past several years. We strongly encourage the Committee to continue its efforts on this important issue by holding a hearing as soon as possible, and by working toward the goal of sending completed legislation to the President this year.

Thank you again for your attention to this issue, and we look forward to working with the Committee as you move forward with GSE reform legislation.

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