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The Honorable Eric Scott Turner
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Secretary Turner:

Congratulations on your confirmation and we appreciate the critical work that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) does to support housing stability across the country. We write to urge you to retain a HUD field office in every state.

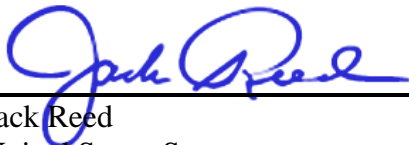
Recent reports indicate that HUD is considering closing nearly two-thirds of state field offices – significantly reducing HUD’s local presence across the country. These reports follow last month’s announcement that HUD was terminating all Office of Field Policy and Management employees at the GS-13 level and below, many of whom staff field offices, as well as reports that HUD will reduce its overall workforce by half.

As local partners embedded in communities across every state, HUD field offices provide one-on-one guidance to HUD-funded housing providers as they implement programs and navigate administrative challenges. Field offices also provide individual assistance to households and help make sure HUD dollars are used as intended, delivering essential services to vulnerable Americans. Collectively, this direct work with HUD providers and beneficiaries keeps Americans housed while providing critical oversight to HUD programs to safeguard federal dollars from waste, fraud, or abuse.

State offices also provide insight into local housing conditions and local markets, particularly in small and rural states, where conditions and challenges vary significantly from those in larger metropolitan areas. Indeed, state offices are an important resource for communities and housing providers – helping them efficiently implement HUD funding as they work to address their local housing challenges.

Preserving HUD’s footprint in every state is fundamental to responsible, effective governance. State field offices provide vital services both to our constituents and the federal government, and we urge you to make certain that HUD retains a local field office footprint in every state.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator



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United States Senator