



## **For Immediate Release**

### ***Statement on the Revocation of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule***

**July 30, 2020, Washington, D.C.** – The National Alliance to End Homelessness stands opposed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) decision to revoke the 2015 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule (AFFH rule).

The AFFH rule is a critically important tool for addressing the housing discrimination caused by historical and systemic racism in our cities, towns and communities. It laid out a critical next step in ensuring that localities take meaningful action to address those disparities.

People experiencing homelessness -- including people of color and those with disabilities -- routinely encounter discrimination when seeking housing. Not only do they face a critical, nationwide shortage of housing they can afford (including housing that is accessible) but they are discriminated against when they seek to access the housing that is available. Their right to access housing is guaranteed under the Fair Housing Act and must be protected and advanced – not eroded – by our nation's leaders.

“The rights guaranteed by the Fair Housing Act cannot be achieved passively or through wishful thinking. They require action; action that was laid out in the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule,” said Nan Roman, President & CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness. “At this time, when the nation faces a historic reckoning over racism and discrimination, it is deeply disturbing that instead of seizing the moment to move forward, this decision will push us backward in the journey to a fair and equitable society. The Alliance encourages communities to remain aligned with the principles of the AFFH rule in the name of fairness, justice, and racial equity.”

#### **About the National Alliance to End Homelessness**

The National Alliance to End Homelessness is a nonprofit, non-partisan, organization committed to preventing and ending homelessness in the United States. As a leading voice on the issue of homelessness, the Alliance analyzes policy and develops pragmatic, cost-effective policy solutions; works collaboratively with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to build state and local capacity; and provides data and research to policymakers and elected officials in order to inform policy debates and educate the public and opinion leaders nationwide.

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