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## **Statement on the Appointment of Representative Marcia Fudge as HUD Secretary**

**December 9, 2020, Washington, D.C.** – The National Alliance to End Homelessness today expressed its support for the appointment of Representative Marcia Fudge as Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

“Ending homelessness demands strong leadership at the federal level. There is no substitute,” said Nan Roman, President & CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness. “We are confident that as Secretary, Marcia Fudge will have an immediate positive impact on HUD’s ability to reduce homelessness; create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities; and provide quality affordable homes for all.”

In her new role, Fudge will immediately face an urgency that few HUD Secretaries have dealt with. The combined crises of COVID-19, rising levels of unsheltered homelessness, a potential economic recession, and a dire nationwide shortage of affordable housing, collectively represent both an unprecedented challenge and opportunity at HUD.

“HUD’s mission has always been vital to the health of the nation, but it is unquestionably so at this moment in time,” said Roman. “Communities across the country depend on the life-saving programs and resources for which HUD is responsible. This work must be guided by leadership that is committed to strategies that are non-partisan, equity-based, and evidence-based. The Alliance extends its encouragement to Rep. Fudge and looks forward to working together with her team.”

### **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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