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President Biden:

The American Association of Service Coordinators (AASC) represents more than 4,000 service coordinators across the country who connect low-income residents living in affordable housing to vital resources and services. Service coordinators play a pivotal role in nationwide efforts to assist older adults to age in place, empower families to move out of poverty, and keep vulnerable populations healthy, happy, and housed.

Service coordinators work in housing subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and their positions are funded through the agency's budget. As such, a strong HUD with stable leadership and clear values is of utmost importance to AASC, our members, and the more than 500,000 residents they serve nationwide.

We have appreciated the leadership of former HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge over the last three years, but with her departure, AASC and its members encourage you to quickly nominate a permanent replacement. Service coordinators and residents look to HUD for funding and program stability - having a strong leader in the role of HUD Secretary is crucial to moving forward the Department's work to support low-income families and older adults living in affordable housing.

AASC believes HUD needs a leader who will capitalize on housing's ability to serve as a platform for services and supports that promote overall health and wellbeing. We commend your Administration for understanding that putting a roof over someone's head is just the first step in their journey to self-sufficiency. There is still time to do more.

AASC is thrilled to support Adrienne Todman as she takes on the role of Acting Secretary. With a long career in housing, she brings exceptional experience, credentials, and a passion for serving others to the Department. We look forward to continuing our work with her in this position.

AASC stands ready to support you and the Senate in the process of nominating and approving a new HUD Secretary. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Missler
President & CEO

CC:

Chairman Brown, Senate Banking Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee
Ranking Member Scott, Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee