



Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Hon. Dr. Benjamin Carson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Suite 10000
451 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Hon. William B. Long
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Re: Utilization of HUD-Regulated Manufactured
Homes as Emergency Relief and Replacement Housing

Dear Secretary Carson and Administrator Long:

The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) is a Washington, D.C.-based national trade association representing producers of manufactured housing regulated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

With the recovery from Hurricane Harvey still underway, and Hurricane Irma now threatening to make landfall along the East Coast of the United States, we are writing to urge you, once again, to make full and maximum use of federally-regulated manufactured homes as both emergency relief housing for hurricane (and, indeed all natural disaster) victims, and permanent replacement housing for those who have lost their homes.

HUD Code manufactured housing has repeatedly proven its value as safe, decent, effective and highly-efficient emergency relief and replacement housing for disaster victims that can be rapidly deployed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other relief agencies at a cost that does not impose undue burdens on American taxpayers.

MHARR notes that FEMA recently issued a Request for Information (RFI) concerning the availability of manufactured homes for disaster response efforts, and encourages FEMA to follow-up that effort with the purchase and deployment of HUD Code manufactured homes in numbers sufficient to meet the housing needs of Americans in both the Hurricane Harvey (and potential) Hurricane Irma impact areas.

MHARR and its members, as always, stand ready to assist both HUD and FEMA in meeting their goals and responsibilities in responding to these (and all other) emergencies.

Thank you both again for your continuing support for HUD-regulated manufactured housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Weiss', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Weiss
President & CEO

cc: Hon. John Kelly