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Dear Acting Director Thompson:

The organizations listed below would like to express our strong support for full adoption of the EPA-recommended multifamily radon standards by the Government-Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs). We appreciate FHFA's convening of the listening session on Radon Standards on July 20 and its thoughtful review of the scientific evidence.

FHFA should require such adoption for the following reasons:

- Everyone living in multifamily buildings financed by the GSEs should be afforded the same opportunity to live in a healthy and safe indoor air environment free of unsafe levels of cancer-causing radon gas.
- All residents living in buildings financed by the GSEs should be treated equally, regardless of the location of the property or where they reside in the building.
- There should be no delays or exemptions for testing any segments of the housing stock: there is no way to determine the radon level in any building except by testing.
- Consistent adherence to the EPA-recommended consensus in testing and mitigation standards for multifamily buildings will ensure reliability. These consensus standards represent the only proven methodology for protecting the residents of multifamily buildings from exposure to unsafe concentrations of radon.
- Performance by qualified professionals is an integral element of the standards' effectiveness; the necessary training, private certification, and state licensing are available to measurement and mitigation personnel who are not now qualified.

Again, we support the full implementation of the EPA-recommended consensus multifamily radon standards by the GSEs. Every day that passes without addressing the radon problem in multifamily buildings financed by the GSEs is another day that residents are exposed to dangerous levels of cancer-causing radon gas. We stand ready to support this effort.

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Free ME from Lung Cancer
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
Lung Cancer Connection
Lung Cancer Research Foundation
National Center for Healthy Housing