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**To:**  
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**Subject:** Call Monday, August 26th at 1:30 PM ET with HUD Deputy Secretary Maurice Jones

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Dear All,

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Deputy Secretary Maurice Jones will host a call with Governors and their staffs on Monday at 12 PM ET to discuss and answer questions about the proposed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Rule. AFFH is an existing legal requirement for HUD program participants under the 1968 Fair Housing Act, under which every American has the right to fair housing, regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status. In response to a 2010 GAO report, and numerous requests from stakeholders, advocates, and program participants for clear guidance and technical assistance, HUD has proposed a rule that refines existing AFFH regulatory requirements. The proposed rule offers a framework that HUD hopes will make the AFFH assessment process and standards clearer and achievable for HUD grantees and better connects that process into existing planning requirements. The rule also provides for additional HUD oversight of AFFH, which HUD hopes will help program participants reduce the risk of litigation by giving certainty that they have met clear standards designed to ensure fulfillment of their responsibilities under the 1968 law upfront as part of a transparent planning process. We look forward to discussing the proposal with you and receiving your input, comments, and questions.

DATE: Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 1:30 PM – 2 PM ET

CALL-IN NUMBER: Toll Free (877)336-1839 Access Code: 9417747

*Note:* This call is off-the-record and not for press purposes

RSVP: Please RSVP to Tracey Dunn at [Tracey.Dunn@hud.gov](mailto:Tracey.Dunn@hud.gov)

If you cannot attend and want to designate someone from your office, that is fine.

Thanks again for your interest and please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Leigh

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