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9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Honorable Barney Frank
Chairman, House Financial Services Committee
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: HR 476, Veterans, Women, Families with Children, and Persons with Disabilities Housing
Fairness Act of 2010 Full Committee Markup

Dear Chairman Frank:

I am writing to request that you consider placing HR 476, Veterans, Women, Families with Children, and Persons with Disabilities Housing Fairness Act of 2010 on the House Financial Services Full Committee markup calendar.

Although the bill has approximately 64 cosponsors, your leadership and guidance throughout this process has played a pivotal role in its success thus far. I am also grateful that you and other Committee leaders such as Chairwoman Maxine Waters, Chairman Luis Gutierrez, Chairman Melvin Watt, and Chairman Gregory Meeks, were gracious enough to add their names to the list of cosponsors.

On January 20, the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity convened a hearing on HR 476. During the hearing, a number of fair housing organizations and civil rights advocates expressed their support for the bill. In addition, Assistant Secretary John Trasviña conveyed the Administration's support for the bill, saying its provisions are "consistent with the priority the Department places on fair housing enforcement and enables us to do more than what we can today."

On May 27, 2010, the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a markup of HR 476. The bill was considered during the markup and forwarded to Full Committee as amended by the manager's amendment by voice vote.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued leadership on this important issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my legislative director, Susie Saavedra at Susie.saavedra@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

CC: Chairwoman Maxine Waters