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Secretary Shaun Donovan
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.,
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Donovan:

At its Full Board meeting on February 17, 2011, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Whereas United States Federal Housing Law does not protect Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered persons (LGBT) from housing discrimination, and

Whereas the Houses of Congress have not yet amended the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity, and

Whereas the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced its intent to issue a regulation barring discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in its rental assistance efforts and by private sector lenders who participate in HUD's mortgage insurance program, and

Whereas this new regulation will define family to include LGBT partners and will bar owners and operators of HUD assisted housing or housing financed or insured by HUD from asking about an applicant's or occupant's sexual orientation or gender identity, and

Whereas the LGBT community still faces housing discrimination despite state and municipal legislation,

Therefore Be It Resolved that Community Board 2 Manhattan commends Secretary Shaun Donovan and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for adopting this new regulation, and

Be It Further Resolved that Community Board 2 urges our elected officials in the United States Senate and House of Representatives to pass laws that permanently ban LGBT housing discrimination.

Vote: Unanimous, with 41 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Keen Berger, Chair
Social Services & Education Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator
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