Congress of the United States
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Dear fellow Members:

As members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) currently serving on the House Financial Services Committee, we are proud to support Congresswoman Maxine Waters as Chairwoman of the full committee in the 120th Congress. We strongly encourage you to join us in supporting her leadership.

Since 2013, Congresswoman Waters has led Democrats in the Committee, bringing unrivaled institutional knowledge, leadership, and record-breaking results for hardworking Americans and their families. As we continue to face an affordability crisis, her expertise and experience make Congresswoman Waters uniquely suited to lead the Committee through the challenges currently facing our economy and financial system. In addition to her unparalleled institutional knowledge, Congresswoman Waters continues to uplift and guide Members, providing them with opportunities to serve their constituents. She is especially committed to empowering new Members who are serving on the Committee for the first time.

During her tenure, multiple CHC members have served as leaders on the Committee, including: **Representative Nydia Velazquez**, the second-most senior Democrat and a powerful voice for Small Business within Committee discussions as the current Ranking Member of the House Committee on Small Business; **Representative Juan Vargas**, currently serving as the Ranking Member of the Monetary Policy Task Force; and **Representative Sylvia Garcia**, serving as the Vice Chair of the Whole Committee in the 118th Congress and on the Bipartisan Working Group on Artificial Intelligence. In addition, all CHC members serve on multiple subcommittees that directly impact the Latino and Hispanic communities in America, including the National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions (Representatives **Vicente Gonzalez** and **Ritchie Torres**), and the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee (Representatives Velazquez, Torres, and Garcia). We have no doubt that Congresswoman Waters will continue to provide CHC members with the opportunity to have critical roles under her leadership.

Congresswoman Waters has tirelessly fought for all Americans, and especially our communities. As members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Financial Services Committee, we have fought for and made strides in language access within our financial services system under her leadership. For instance, Congresswoman Waters uplifted CHC members' voices and joined Representatives Velazquez, Vargas, and Garcia in submitting a comment letter to the Department of Housing and Urban Development calling for an immediate withdrawal of HUD's proposed rule that targets mixed-status families. She has also prioritized diverse witness inclusion to make sure all voices are heard during Committee hearings.

Congresswoman Waters, as the lead Democrat, has governed and shepherded this Committee to support all communities in America. Even during this unprecedentedly partisan House of Representatives, Congresswoman Waters was able to work in a bipartisan, bicameral fashion to

deliver a landmark comprehensive package (*21st Century ROAD to Housing Act)*, in which she included bills from all CHC members serving on the Committee, including:

- Provisions from Representative Torres' "Contracting Accountability and Transparency Act" (H.R. 6344) and Representative Velazquez's bill to require federal monitors and receivers of public housing agencies to testify before the Committee (H.R. 6825) in Section 805.
- Representative Juan Vargas' "Credit Union Board Modernization Act" (H.R. 975) in Section 904.
- Representative Vicente Gonzalez's "Rural Housing Regulatory Relief Act" (H.R. 6327) in Section 103.
- Five additional bills of Representative Ritchie Torres, including H.R. 6345 (Section 102), H.R. 638 (Section 106), H.R. 6132 (Section 212), H.R. 4385 (Section 404), and H.R. 4478 (Section 903).
- Three of Representative Sylvia Garcia's bills: H.R. 7344 (Section 501), H.R. 8878 (Section 503), and H.R. 8877 (Section 803).
- Three of Representative Sam Liccardo's bills: H.R. 4810 (Section 205), H.R. 4660 (Section 206), and H.R. 5591 (Section 210).

She knows how to continue delivering results, something we need now more than ever. Her leadership will support our Members, advance our priorities, and strengthen our Caucus' work.

We support, respect, and trust Congresswoman Maxine Waters. We ask you to join us in supporting the Congresswoman in her bid to return as Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

Juan Vargas
Member of Congress

Vicente Gonzalez
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Ritchie Torres
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