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Senator Harry Reid
Majority Leader
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Senator Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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Dear Senator Reid and Senator McConnell:

The Financial Services Roundtable and its Housing Policy Council support Senate passage of S. 2338, the FHA Modernization Act of 2007. We strongly support Senate action today to approve the bill which will reform and modernize the FHA program to make it better able to play an active role in supporting mortgage lending to low and moderate income Americans.

S. 2338 contains the key elements needed to improve the Federal Housing Administration's ability to insure mortgages and strengthen the housing financing options for low and moderate income borrowers. We appreciate the thoughtful approach the Senate Banking Committee has taken on raising the loan limits for FHA. The bill will enable FHA to modernize its systems and to work with lenders on new mortgage products.

The Roundtable's Housing Policy Council's members are 23 of the nation's leading national mortgage lenders and mortgage insurers. We estimate our members originate over 64 percent of mortgages for American consumers. A modernized FHA can contribute to strengthening the housing finance system for all Americans. We appreciate the work Chairman Dodd, Senator Shelby and the members of the Committee have done in advancing this legislation.

We support S. 2338 and urge the Senate to approve it today. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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Steve Bartlett
President and CEO
The Financial Services Roundtable

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John H. Dalton
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