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**Statement of Chester Carl, Chairman
and Gary L. Gordon, Executive Director**
**On the Nomination of Orlando Cabrera, Assistant Secretary,
Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

WASHINGTON—August 31, 2005—The National American Indian Housing Council hopes the newly nominated HUD Assistant Secretary will be proactive in honoring the federal government's trust responsibility to tribes and will also honor tribal consultation policies. We look toward someone who will be a proponent of tribal self-determination and will complete the negotiated rulemaking process that has been going on for more than 2 ½ years, addressing concerns from our membership.

We want someone who will implement a sound partnership to address TA/Training needs. We need to build the consultation process between tribes and federal agencies.

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