



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000**

**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** March 5, 2018  
**To:** HUD Senior Staff  
**From:** Amy C. Thompson, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
**Re:** HUD Mission Statement

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An organization's mission is never static. A mission statement describes an organization's purpose, what it intends to do, and whom it intends to serve. Most importantly, an organization's activities must be embodied in its mission.

In an effort to align HUD's mission with the Secretary's priorities and that of the Administration, we are updating the agency's mission statement. The following statement has been developed with input from the Secretary and Deputy Secretary:

*HUD's mission is to ensure Americans have access to fair, affordable housing and opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency, thereby strengthening our communities and nation.*

We welcome your comments or suggestions. Please email them to Cooper Smith at [Cooper.J.Smith@hud.gov](mailto:Cooper.J.Smith@hud.gov).

Thank you.