



# FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

## Office of the Director

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American Bankers Association  
Housing Policy Council  
Independent Community Bankers of America  
Mortgage Bankers Association  
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association  
Structured Finance Association  
U.S. Mortgage Insurers

Dear Stakeholders:

Thank you for your letter dated May 13, 2022, requesting that, as part of a transition to a new credit score or scores, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) provide the mortgage industry with additional data, a detailed transition plan that is subject to stakeholder input, and ample time for any transition.

Your organizations raise important points about the need to provide industry stakeholders with sufficient data to understand the credit score models, the processes that govern their use, as well as sufficient time to implement the necessary system and process changes that any updates to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's (the Enterprises) credit score requirements would entail. Such considerations are critical to the implementation of any new credit score approach. FHFA and the Enterprises are committed to continuing our extensive engagement with stakeholders as we plan for and implement any credit score requirement updates.

Following an Agency decision on updating the Enterprise credit score requirements, there will be a planning period in preparation for implementation of the final FHFA determination. During the planning period, we expect to gather additional feedback from stakeholders. We also anticipate implementation to take 18 to 24 months if moving to a new single credit score environment and at least 36 months for a multi-score environment. FHFA and the Enterprises understand that in order to support a successful transition, industry participants will need to understand the relationship between Classic FICO and the new credit score(s) to perform their own testing and analysis. We are evaluating the information requirements of the various stakeholders including how such information could be made available. FHFA is committed to providing transparency on how any new credit score(s) would affect borrowers and industry participants.

I appreciate hearing your views and value your continued engagement on this issue. If you have further questions, please contact Maria Fernandez, Senior Associate Director, Office of Housing and Regulatory Policy, at [maria.fernandez@fhfa.gov](mailto:maria.fernandez@fhfa.gov) or 202-649-3103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra L. Thompson