

United States Senate

July 3, 2013

The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh St, SW
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Donovan:

I am writing to recommend Victor DeRose for the position of Administrator of the Federal Manufactured Housing Program (FMHP). Mr. DeRose is an accomplished executive of small and medium-sized manufacturing companies, and his experience illustrates his capacity to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of Administrator.

Mr. DeRose, a native Hoosier, began his career in the manufacturing industry as President, CEO and General Counsel to DeRose Industries, a leading producer of manufactured homes. Mr. DeRose went on to serve as President and CEO of other leading companies, such as Gulf Stream Coach, while also leading his own business law and consulting firm.

With over thirty-four years of experience in manufacturing, Mr. DeRose is a proven leader with an impressive range of industry knowledge. His work as an attorney, coupled with his past experience as President and CEO of private companies, make him a well-qualified candidate to lead the Manufactured Housing Program.

Mr. DeRose has demonstrated his capability to contribute to the decision-making process at the highest levels of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. I encourage you to favorably consider Mr. DeRose's application to serve as the Administrator of the FMHP.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator