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NATIONAL MOBILE HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL

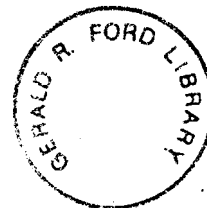
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I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL MOBILE HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC TO THE COUNCIL'S FIRST MEETING. MOBILE HOMES PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN OUR NATIONAL HOUSING POLICY AND WILL INCREASE IN IMPORTANCE IN THE FUTURE.

THE NATIONAL MOBILE HOME CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT WHICH PASSED LAST AUGUST REQUIRES THAT HUD PROMULGATE AND ENFORCE STANDARDS TO APPLY TO ALL MOBILE HOMES SOLD IN THIS COUNTRY. CONGRESS APPROVED THE PROCEDURE OF APPOINTING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL WITH REPRESENTATION FROM CONSUMER GROUPS, FROM INDUSTRY, FROM SMALL BUSINESS, FROM THE COMMUNITY, AND FROM GOVERNMENT, TO ASSIST IN FORMULATING THESE STANDARDS.

MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR THESE STEPS:

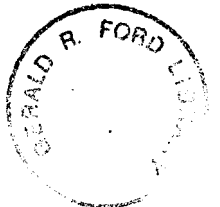
- MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN FACED WITH INCREASING RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR INTERSTATE COMMERCE IN THE FORM OF DIFFERING AND CONFLICTING STATE REGULATIONS ON MOBILE HOMES;



- STATES HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO SEND INSPECTORS ACROSS STATE LINES TO INSURE PROPER PROTECTION OF THEIR CITIZENS BECAUSE OF THE CONSIDERABLE VARIATION IN THE LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT AMONG STATES.

- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH ONLY RECENTLY RECOGNIZED MOBILE HOMES AS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO NEW HOUSING IN THE COUNTRY, HAS INSISTED THAT POLICIES ON MOBILE HOMES BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND BE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE POLICIES ON OTHER TYPES OF HOUSING.

- BUT MOST IMPORTANT, THE PUBLIC HAS DEMANDED ASSURANCES THAT IT OBTAINS GOOD HOUSING AT A REASONABLE PRICE IN MOBILE HOMES.



THIS COUNCIL WAS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THIS WIDE VARIETY OF VIEWPOINTS WITH ARTICULATE AND WELL-INFORMED SPOKESPERSONS. WE ALL VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO SHARE WITH US YOUR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE. YOU CAN HELP US TO DEVELOP A MOBILE HOME STANDARDS PROGRAM THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC FOR SAFE, DURABLE, AND INEXPENSIVE HOUSING AND TO IDENTIFY THE LEGITIMATE PROBLEMS OF THE INDUSTRY IN CONFORMING WITH, AND OF STATE GOVERNMENTS IN ENFORCING THE STANDARDS.

WE VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

