IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

MICHAEL ROP, STEWART KNOEPP, and ALVIN WILSON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, MELVIN L. WATT, in his official capacity as Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-00497

Hon. Paul L. Maloney

Defendants.

MOTION TO DISMISS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Defendant Department of the Treasury hereby moves to dismiss plaintiffs' First Amended

Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of

Civil Procedure. Plaintiffs have indicated that they will oppose this motion. The reasons for this

motion are set forth in the attached memorandum.

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Respectfully submitted,

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