



OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT
WASHINGTON, DC 20552

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

April 5, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Although my five-year term as Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight expired last October, I have remained in office to guide the agency through a very challenging period. Now that the most critical and pressing issues have been addressed, I have decided to step down from my position on May 20, 2005, absent extraordinary circumstances, to explore new career options.

I am proud of OFHEO's achievements during my tenure. The agency has successfully dealt with serious problems at two of the largest financial institutions in the world. We did so in a manner that avoided disruption in our financial system, while allowing both companies to continue fulfilling their vital public mission. With the continued assistance of OFHEO's talented staff, I expect Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will ultimately emerge as more effective and responsible government-sponsored enterprises, to the benefit of the U.S. economy and all Americans.

It was a privilege to have been nominated to the position by your predecessor, gratifying to work under the Administration of a fellow Texan, and an honor to serve this wonderful country.

Sincerely,



Armando Falcon

cc:
Edward Moy