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**MassHousing Executive Director Thomas R. Gleason Elected to Board of Directors of
National Council of State Housing Agencies**

Will serve as Vice President of national association of Housing Finance Agencies

BOSTON – November 27, 2012 – MassHousing Executive Director Thomas R. Gleason has been elected Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA).

NCSHA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization created by the nation's state Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) more than 30 years ago to coordinate and leverage their federal advocacy efforts for affordable housing. NCSHA represents its members in Washington before Congress, the Administration, and the several federal agencies concerned with housing, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Agriculture, and the Treasury, and with other advocates for affordable housing.

"The role of the National Council of State Housing Agencies and its member HFAs in providing housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income families has never been more important and we are uniquely positioned to play a larger role in the affordable housing market of the future," said Gleason. "The housing market is at a critical juncture in this country and we cannot have full economic recovery without a strong and vital housing market. NCSHA will have a strong voice in the discussions occurring at the federal level over the coming months that will have a lasting impact on housing, in general, and affordable housing opportunities in particular, for working families across the country."

Gleason, whose career in affordable housing spans 34-years, has been Executive Director of MassHousing since 2001. He serves on Fannie Mae's Affordable Housing Advisory Council, which advises Fannie Mae on how it can best support the creation of affordable housing.

Gleason previously served as Secretary/Treasurer of the NCSHA Board of Directors and received an Impact Award from NCSHA in 2008 for his work on an affinity agreement with Fannie Mae, which provides Housing Finance Agencies access to Fannie Mae programs at favorable terms and makes more affordable home loans available to moderate-income homebuyers.

"I look forward to working with Tom and all of our newly elected Board officers and directors as we continue our efforts to protect and strengthen federal housing programs in response to the wide range of housing needs HFAs serve," said NCSHA Executive Director Barbara Thompson.

About MassHousing

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The Agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided nearly \$14 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at www.masshousing.com, follow us on Twitter [@MassHousing](https://twitter.com/MassHousing), subscribe to [our blog](#) and [Like us](#) on Facebook.

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