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Dear ARRC secretary,

We find the ARM fallback language to be unacceptable for the following reasons:

1 – The SOFR rate based on trailing rates introduces a high level of basis. In a raising rate environment, the trailing average rate will not be representative of banks cost of funds.

2 – The basis between the trailing average and the forward looking average (which could only be calculated in arrears) would be a non-hedgeable risk.

3 – Using an average calculated in arrears would create problems on a consumer product where the rate needs to be known in advance for billing purposes.

As an alternative, we recommend that 1Y CMT be used as the index in ARM products. The basis between 1Y CMT and a banks 1Y funding cost should be much less volatile than the basis between an average SOFR calculated in advance and in arrears. GNMA already has mortgage products which reference 1Y CMT (H.15 treasury rates) for the reset period. There has always been sufficient trading in 1Y CMT to meet the standards IOSCO set for reference rates.

Sincerely,

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Corporate Treasurer and SVP

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