

**HUD EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON SAFE ACT PROPOSED RULE TO  
MARCH 5, 2010**

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary for Housing David H. Stevens announced today that HUD is extending the public comment period on its proposed rule on the Secure and Fair Enforcement Mortgage Licensing Act (SAFE) Act to March 5, 2010. HUD's SAFE Act proposed rule published in the *Federal Register* on December 15, 2009, and the public comment period was originally scheduled to close on February 16, 2010.

Due to the severe inclement weather not only in Washington DC but in the mid-Atlantic states that resulted in the closing of the federal government as well as many local governments and private and public businesses and organizations, HUD determined that an extension of the public comment period is appropriate to ensure interested parties have the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule. HUD will also be publishing a notice in the *Federal Register* that advises of the extension of the public comment period to March 5, 2010.