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**Representative Steve Cohen (D-TN) honored
with SAHMA's 2021 Affordable Housing Advocate Award**

May 11, 2021 Decatur, GA. – The Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association (SAHMA) is pleased to announce that Representative Steve Cohen (D-TN) has been honored with SAHMA's Affordable 2021 Housing Advocate Award.

Several years ago, the SAHMA Board of Directors, with the support of our membership, established the Affordable Housing Advocate Award to honor and recognize Legislators and other Industry Partners who have demonstrated great leadership, support and commitment to affordable housing. By recognizing these important partners, we not only strengthen the relationships, but encourage the continued advocacy for affordable housing that is desperately needed not only in the Southeast, but nationwide.

Representative Cohen was chosen for this honor because of his long-standing commitment and work to support affordable housing. Mr. Cohen is a strong advocate of fair housing policies and increased federal investment in affordable housing. His advocacy has ranged from fair housing initiatives to Veteran's homelessness eradication; to helping low-income families build wealth through homeownership; to fighting on behalf of those facing eviction through the pandemic.

On March 26th, 2021, in addition to other favorable local legislation already enacted, Representative Cohen and Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) reintroduced the Housing Accountability Act legislation in both the house and Senate. This legislation would hold property owners of low-income housing accountable for poor living conditions.

The presentation of this award will take place on Monday, August 23rd during the SAHMA Leadership Affordable Housing Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.

Previous recipients of the SAHMA Affordable Housing Advocate Award are Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) in 2017, Representative Carlos Curbelo (R-FL 26th) 2018, Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL 25th) 2019 and Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL) 2020.

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