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## Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA) honored with SAHMA's 2022 Affordable Housing Advocate Award

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May 3, 2022 Decatur, GA. – The Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association (SAHMA) is pleased to announce that Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA) has been honored with SAHMA's 2022 Affordable 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.

Senator Warnock was chosen for this honor because of his long-standing commitment and work to support affordable housing. He serves on U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Sen. Warnock Sponsored the Downpayment Towards Equity Act of 2021 and Co-Sponsored other housing-related bills on Section 8 reform, increasing affordable housing, pandemic relief, and LIHTC expansion.

The presentation of this award will take place on Monday, August 22nd during the SAHMA Leadership Affordable Housing Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Previous recipients of the SAHMA Affordable Housing Advocate Award are Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) in 2017, Representative Carlos Curbelo (R-FL 26<sup>th</sup>) 2018, Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL 25<sup>th</sup>) 2019, Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL) 2020 and Representative Steve Cohen (D-TN) 2021.

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