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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 8.00% Senior Notes due 2042, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 11, 2012. Tentative listing date - April 17, 2012.

Sincerely,