



Date: January 25, 2021

To: Uniform Law Commission (ULC)

Re: Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA)

The American Land Title Association (ALTA), representing the real estate settlement services, abstract and title insurance industry, endorses the enactment of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA) by the States of the United States. ALTA applauds the work the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) has undertaken on this important issue and appreciates the thoughtful approach the UHPA takes to providing a fair and equitable framework for resolving disputes between the owners of heirs' property. In too many cases, the forced sale of heirs' property results in devastating outcomes on personal and economic levels.

Property ownership is the foundation of wealth creation for many Americans. Protecting people's property rights is central to the mission of the title industry. By providing a series of simple due process protections, the UHPA aligns with this mission to safeguard property rights.

ALTA is pleased to offer our support for the UHPA, and we look forward to working with you to achieve its passage in all 50 states. The work the ULC carries out in the drafting of uniform laws regarding real property is invaluable and we appreciate the opportunity to be part of the process. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Blosser at eblosser@alta.org.