AB 35 - SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

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Assemblymember David Chiu

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA

Speaker of the Assembly Toni Atkins

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA

RE: AB 35--SUPPORT

Dear Speaker Atkins and Assemblymember Chiu,

[*ORGANIZATION NAME*] strongly supports AB 35.

*[INCLUDE ONE SENTENCE TO BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATATION*]

AB 35 is a critically needed measure that will increase California’s investment in low-income housing by $300 million and leverage an additional $600 million in federal housing resources that would otherwise go unclaimed. This measure builds on the proven success of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), which for decades has effectively helped finance affordable housing. The bill strengthens California’s ability to use the LIHTC program as efficiently and productively as possible.

This bill directly responds to our state’s shortfall of over one million affordable homes and the continued dramatic rise in rents at a time when the median income has been falling, which contribute to California having the nation’s highest adjusted poverty rate. The prudent and efficient policy steps proposed in AB 35 will help leverage hundreds of millions in federal and private funds that will create thousands of new affordable homes and well-paying jobs.

Thank you for your authorship of this important measure.

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