Date

The Honorable Marc Berman

California State Assembly

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**RE: AB 2006 (Berman) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Berman:

[YOUR ORGANIZATION] is proud to support your bill, AB 2006, which streamlines the compliance monitoring of affordable housing and makes the work of the state and housing providers more efficient.

[ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION]

The pandemic has shown us all the essential role affordable housing plays in every California community — providing shelter, support, and community to some of the state’s most vulnerable populations, from seniors and veterans to teachers, firefighters, and many other hard-working families. California currently has a gap of 1.2 million homes affordable to lower-income households and on any given night, roughly 160,000 people in California experience homelessness. While the state has taken significant steps in recent years to address the housing and homelessness crises, there is much more to be done to make housing more accessible and affordable to lower-income Californians in every community.

When an affordable development is financed by a state agency, they monitor the development to ensure compliance with affordability, maintenance, financial, and other requirements. Frequently, affordable developments receive financing from more than one agency, leading multiple state agencies to do the same compliance monitoring.

AB 2006 will streamline this duplicative and inefficient oversight by instead directing the state agencies to coordinate their efforts by:

* Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, the California Housing Finance Agency, and the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to enter into a memorandum of understanding to streamline the compliance monitoring of affordable housing developments that are subject to a regulatory agreement with more than one of these agencies; and,
* Specifying that the memorandum of understanding ensure that only one agency conducts physical inspections for a particular project, eliminate the submittal of duplicate information, and provide a single process to obtain required approvals.

By streamlining the compliance monitoring of affordable housing, AB 2006 will help focus resources where they should be: on providing safe, affordable housing for all California residents.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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