



March 10, 2022

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Committee on Housing & Community Development
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 1816 (Bryan)

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

On behalf of All Home, I am writing in support of AB 1816 (Bryan). All Home is a Bay Area organization that advances regional solutions to disrupt the cycles of poverty and homelessness and create more economic mobility for people with extremely low incomes.

AB 1816 is aligned with a budget request for the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide county grants for rental assistance and services for formerly incarcerated people experiencing homelessness. AB 1816 will break down silos between homeless response and reentry systems, provide evidence-based long-term approaches to address homelessness and poverty, and reduce recidivism, all within our current budget.

Homelessness, poverty, and incarceration are inherently linked. In fact, people on parole are about 10 times more likely to experience homelessness than the general public. They are also seven times more likely to recidivate when homeless than when housed, perpetuating the destructive cycle of incarceration, poverty, and homelessness. Providing people experiencing homelessness and poverty who have recently been incarcerated with a stable, affordable place to live that does not limit length of stay, along with services that promote housing stability and employment, is proven to reduce recidivism.

With California's housing crisis forcing many returning residents into homelessness, now is the time for our state to invest in solutions to interrupt this cycle and help set returning citizens up for successful reintegration into our communities. We strongly support AB 1816 and urge you and your colleagues on the Assembly Housing & Community Development Committee to approve and forward the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tomiquia Moss".

Tomiquia Moss, Founder and CEO of All Home

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