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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
California State Capitol, Room 5094
Sacramento, CA 95814


Re: SB 8 (Skinner): Housing Crisis Act of 2019 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Skinner,

California's housing crisis is a threat to the prosperity of all Californians, but particularly households in the extremely low income category. All tools available must be put to work to accelerate construction, acquisition and preservation of new and existing housing units. All Home supports the extension of your SB 330 – The Housing Crisis Act – because it increases certainty and accountability. Builders deserve to have a reliable construction timeline that does not include arbitrary or excessive time periods to get through the planning and permitting processes or capricious changes to permit requirements.

All Home is a Bay Area organization that advances regional solutions to disrupt the cycle of poverty and homelessness, to redress disparities in outcomes as a result of race, and to create more housing and economic mobility opportunities for extremely low-income (ELI) people. We work across counties, sectors, and silos to advance coordinated, innovative solutions and build a movement to challenge the status quo that perpetuates homelessness.

Since its implementation in January of 2020, SB 330 has expedited and facilitated both affordable and market-rate construction by providing early vested rights, limiting ad hoc fee increases on housing projects, barring local governments from reducing the number of homes that can be built, and cutting the time it takes to obtain discretionary project approvals. SB 330 addressed several major issues that cause builders to face lengthy delays and uncertainty that drive up costs after they submit for permit applications. SB 330 addresses these barriers by requiring cities and counties to reduce the time it takes to process permits for housing that meets the local government's existing land use rules, and it caps the number of public hearings on a housing project at five. Cities are also prohibited from increasing fees on an ad hoc basis or changing permit requirements once the project applicant has submitted all the preliminary required information specified in SB 330. It is for these reasons that we support an extension of SB 330.



Sincerely,

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