



June 9, 2021

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
State Capitol, Room 6011  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1124 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

The [California Housing Partnership](#) is proud to support AB 1124, your bill to ensure the reasonableness of solar system permitting fees.

The Partnership is a state-created private nonprofit technical assistance organization that creates and preserves affordable and sustainable homes for Californians with low incomes by providing expert financial and policy solutions to nonprofit and public partners. Since 1988, the Partnership's on-the-ground technical assistance, applied research, and legislative leadership has leveraged more than \$25 billion in private and public financing to preserve and create more than 75,000 affordable homes and to provide training to more than 30,000 people.

Your AB 1414 of 2017 capped permit fees for solar systems. AB 1124 now clarifies that the permit fee caps also apply to solar systems atop carports, patio covers, and shade structures and that permitting jurisdictions cannot evade the fee cap by breaking the fee into pieces so the total fee would exceed the cap. This cleanup bill will help California achieve its energy goals and make solar energy more cost effective and accessible to Californians of all income levels. Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,

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