



May 24, 2021

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
State Capitol, Room 4117
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1487 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gabriel:

The [California Housing Partnership](#) is proud to support AB 1487, your bill to establish the Homelessness Prevention Fund to fund education, outreach, and legal services targeted towards preventing homelessness among vulnerable renter populations.

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.

In conjunction with Housing California, The Partnership recently published [Roadmap Home 2030](#) to solve California's homelessness and affordable housing needs over a 10-year period. A key goal of the Roadmap is to protect one million low-income renter households from losing their homes, including 300,000 who face eviction every year. To achieve this goal, the Roadmap recommends, among other things, providing a right to legal counsel for renters facing eviction. AB 1487 will help make this recommendation a reality. Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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