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DATE, 2023

The Honorable Phil Ting

California State Assembly

1021 O Street, Suite 8230

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1633 (TING) HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT: DISAPPROVALS: CEQA – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Phil Ting,

On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION], I write to support Assembly Bill 1633. This important measure clarifies existing law, which specifies that the wrongful denial or withholding of a CEQA clearance to which a housing development is legally entitled, violates the Housing Accountability Act (HAA).

[OPTIONAL: INSERT BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS AB 1633 AND/OR HOW IT WILL IMPACT YOUR MEMBERS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT, PLEASE DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH.]

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) ensures that any proposed development in the state maintains rigorous standards of environmental review and performance and minimizes impacts on human health and the environment. In addition to providing urgently-needed housing to city residents, “infill” housing projects, or homes built in developed urban areas, typically result in improved environmental performance due to their more efficient land, energy, and water use, greater economies of scale for city infrastructure and services.

Therefore, state housing law recognizes these types of housing projects as environmentally beneficial, making them eligible for exemptions of environmental review through a process referred to as a “CEQA clearance.” Unfortunately, in a deliberate effort to delay or permanently block new housing projects, some jurisdictions demand additional CEQA review – beyond what is required for CEQA clearance.

AB 1633 is a straightforward solution that will end local governments’ abuse of CEQA, blocking new housing developments that have already been found in compliance with local and state land use and environmental regulations.

For these reasons, [YOUR ORGANIZATION] supports AB 1633 (Ting).

Sincerely,

[Signature]

**[Typed Name]**