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DATE, 2024

The Honorable Lori Wilson

California State Assembly

1021 O Street, Suite 8110

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 3057 (WILSON) CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT: EXEMPTION: JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCES – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wilson,

On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION], I write in support of Assembly Bill 3057, which closes the gap in existing law by allowing Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) ordinances to benefit from the same California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption as Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinances.

[OPTIONAL: INSERT BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS AB 3057 AND/OR HOW IT WILL IMPACT YOUR MEMBERS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT, PLEASE DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH.]

JADUs are smaller accessory units (no more than 500 square feet) created entirely within the envelope of existing single-family homes, often to create privacy for multi-generational households living under one roof. While state law treats these housing projects similar to attached or detached ADUs, offering the same provisions for ministerial approvals and limiting local governments’ discretion to deny permits, JADU regulations fall under a different state code section.

As such, the adoption of local JADU ordinances remains subject to CEQA challenges, even when those ordinances are adopted to conform with state law. The concern over potential CEQA litigation may inhibit some cities from updating their JADU ordinance to comply with state law.

AB 3057 is a technical fix to existing law that will grant Junior ADU ordinances the same exemption to environmental review that is already granted to standard ADUs.

For these reasons, [YOUR ORGANIZATION] supports AB 3057 (Wilson).

Sincerely,

[Signature]

**[Typed Name]**