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DATE, 2025

The Honorable Josh Hoover

California State Assembly

1021 O Street, Suite 4540

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1308 (HOOVER) RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PREMITS: INSPECTIONS – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Hoover,

On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION], I write in support of Assembly Bill 1308, which will expedite the approval process for new homes by allowing home builders to hire a licensed and certified third-party inspector to complete final inspections, if the local government cannot complete inspections of permitted work within 30 days. It also requires local governments to review the third-party inspection report and issue final approval within 14 days.

[OPTIONAL: INSERT BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS AB 1308 AND/OR HOW IT WILL IMPACT YOUR MEMBERS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT, PLEASE DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH.]

California faces a severe housing crisis; marked by a shortage of homes to meet the needs of Californians at all income levels. Burdensome regulations and high costs contribute to this shortage. One often overlooked barrier to housing production is the delay in local government inspections of completed housing developments. In California, these inspections occur after permitted work is completed and are required before a developer can receive a certificate of occupancy to lease or sell the home to future residents.

Local building departments are responsible for conducting inspections to ensure compliance with state building codes and local ordinances. However, these departments often experience fluctuating workloads and resource constraints, leading to inspection delays. Such delays can leave completed homes sitting vacant, preventing families from moving in. They also introduce uncertainty into the construction process, making it harder for developers to plan effectively.

AB 1308 will streamline the home building process by allowing builders to hire third-party inspectors if the local government cannot conduct the inspection within 30 days of the completion of construction. AB 1308 also requires the local government to review the third-party report and provide final approval within 14 days, bringing new homes online faster.

For these reasons, [YOUR ORGANIZATION] is proud to support AB 1308 (Hoover).

Sincerely,

[Signature]

**[Typed Name]**