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DATE, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Arreguín

California State Senate

1021 O Street, Suite 6710

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 9 (ARREGUÍN) ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS: ORDINANCES – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Arreguín,

On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION], I write in support of Senate Bill 9, which will ensure that local laws regarding the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are consistent with state law, and provides a pathway to nullify illegal, local barriers to ADUs.

[OPTIONAL: INSERT BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS SB 9 AND/OR HOW IT WILL IMPACT YOUR MEMBERS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT, PLEASE DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH.]

While ADUs have been legal in California for decades, most local jurisdictions have enacted measures making them functionally illegal, or otherwise impossible, to build. However, after the state legislature began passing pro-ADU reforms in 2016, ADUs grew from less than 1 percent of new construction to 20 percent of new homes today; providing much needed housing throughout the state.

Much of the progress comes from the state streamlining ADU zoning and permitting, overriding local rules that often block these homes. Still, many local ordinances and processes remain in place, delaying development. HCD offers technical help to align local policies with state law, which requires cities to submit ADU ordinances within 60 days and respond to HCD feedback within 30—but some fail to comply.

SB 9 strengthens enforcement of state ADU laws by creating a clear accountability mechanism. If a local agency fails to submit its ADU ordinance within 60 days of adoption—or fails to respond to HCD’s findings of noncompliance within 30 days—the ordinance becomes null and void. The city or county must then apply default state standards until a compliant ordinance is adopted.

For these reasons, [YOUR ORGANIZATION] is proud to support SB 9 (Arreguín).

Sincerely,

[Signature]

**[Typed Name]**