



April 17, 2017

VIA E-MAIL

Honorable Senator Nancy Skinner  
State Capitol, Room 2059  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 167 Support – Housing Accountability Act

Dear Senator Skinner:

I am writing on behalf of the Council of Infill Builders, a statewide organization of developers and other real estate professionals committed to improving California through infill development. We write to support SB 167 to improve the Housing Accountability Act.

The housing shortage in California has reached crisis levels due to a chronic lack of supply, with 20 percent of Californians now spending over 50 percent of their income on housing. The California Department of Housing and Community Development estimated that the state needs to produce 180,000 new units of housing annually by 2025 to meet projected growth, more than 100,000 more units than we are currently building annually.

The Council of Infill Builders supports your efforts to strengthen the Housing Accountability Act, which is a valuable tool to ensure that localities do not reduce housing production at the expense of California's renters, home buyers, and economic growth. This proposed reform will give local governments a strong incentive to contribute their fair share of housing production for their regions.

The members of the Council of Infill Builders are grateful for your work to boost infill housing projects that address the state's severe housing shortage and environmental challenges, and we thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meea Kang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Meea Kang  
Council of Infill Builders