[Please email support letters to Alison Dinmore, Consultant for the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, at alison.dinmore@sen.ca.gov and cc michael@nonprofithousing.org]

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The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Senate

State Capitol, Room 5066

Sacramento CA 95814

**Re: Support for SB 879**

Dear Senator Beall:

On behalf of [your organization name], I write to express our strong support for SB 879, which would authorize the state to issue $3 billion in general revenue bonds for the construction and preservation of affordable housing. The bond authorized by SB 879 would make a major downpayment towards addressing the state’s affordable housing shortage by supporting the efficient and effective construction of much- needed affordable units.

[brief description of your organization]

This proposal is exactly the type of major investment our state needs to make to address California’s severe affordable housing shortage, which we have documented in our recent reports. It would also go a long way towards closing the $1.5 billion annual gap in funding that was created with the elimination of Redevelopment funding and the expiration of Proposition 1C bond funds.

Thank you for your leadership in this important area. We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of Californians in need.

Sincerely,

[signature and title]