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Email your letter:

To: Katerina Robinson, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Nancy Skinner

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*Please also submit to* [*https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/*](https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/%20) *(note that your organization will need to create a free account)*

[Insert Date]

The Honorable Nancy Skinner

Member of the Senate

State Capitol, Room 2059

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re:  Support for SB 330 Housing Crisis Act**

Dear Senator Skinner,

[Insert your organization's name] strongly supports SB 330, which will create more affordable housing opportunities for California families and workers by ensuring local governments each maintain consistent rules and regulations.

[Include 1-2 sentences to briefly describe your organization: *You may include how many people you serve and where, how many people you employ and where, etc.*]

**SB 330: Creates more homes for our communities**

California families and workers need safe, stable, affordable homes. Experts agree that our best tactic in creating a strong, healthy future for our state’s housing needs must include a three-pronged approach of production, preservation, and tenant protections together. SB 330 fills a critical need in moving production goals forward, creating more affordable homes for our community members.

 **SB 330: Establish good government standards to create more home options and opportunities**

As more and more Californians face urgent housing insecurity and growing needs, lawmakers must use good government standards to create more homes – and remove artificial barriers that limit and hinder the constructions of homes desperately needed by California families and workers.

For a five-year period, SB 330 would:

* Keep regulations fair and consistent, by holding local rules and regulations constant once a developer has filed a complete application to build more homes;
* Keep our communities more inclusive and open by preventing cities from decreasing the heights and densities of housing that can be built in one area, without also increasing heights and densities permitted in other areas;
* Suspend housing moratoriums and other tactics used to delay the creation of new homes;
* Hold developers accountable to long-standing community members, by prohibiting the demolition of existing affordable homes unless developers agree to pay to rehouse the displaced tenants during construction and allow tenants to return – at the same rent – upon completion.

 **SB 330 uses vetted ‘disaster’ processes to move solutions forward for housing crisis**

Given that the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) found that California is short by at least 3 million homes, SB 330 is a limited 5-year bill, modeled on similar processes that California cities employ after a fire or disaster, to speed up permitting and relax local rules in order to quickly rebuild housing.

SB 330 is a first step in moving production forward, so we can create new, affordable options for our families and working people.

Thank you for your leadership in drafting legislation to create more homes for our California workers and families. As a [your organization/industry type] and as a member of the Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California (NPH), we look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

[Insert Your Full Name]

[Insert Your Title]

[Insert Your Organization’s Name]