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The Honorable Phil Ting

California State Assembly

1021 O Street, Suite 8230

Sacramento, CA  95814

**Re: Assembly Bill (AB) 2357 - Surplus Land - Support**

Dear Assemblymember Ting,

On behalf of [Organization Name], we write in support of AB 2357 (Ting) which will create more affordable homes for our communities by clarifying and strengthening key provisions of the Surplus Land Act (SLA).

[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.]

Redeveloping unused public land creates more affordable homes throughout the state and advances California’s environmental and economic goals by increasing affordable infill development near transit and jobs. By using public land for the public good, we can ensure the state is better positioned to meet its low-income housing goals over the next decade.

AB 2357 will strengthen the Surplus Lands Act by closing enforcement loopholes in the SLA, creating an administrative declaration process for specific exempted lands, standardizing public notices of availability, close enforcement loopholes, and additional technical changes.

The bill works in partnership with local governments, by providing new streamlining opportunities for compliance with the SLA, thus ensuring they are not overly burdened with unnecessary bureaucratic processes. It also ensures that the spirit of the SLA is protected with improved enforcement protocols and standardizing the process of notifying affordable housing builders of land availability.

For all these reasons, we support AB 2357. Thank you for your leadership on these critical housing and homelessness issues.

Sincerely,

[Insert Your Full Name]

[Insert Your Title]

[Insert Your Organization’s Name]