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DATE

Governor Jerry Brown

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for AB 2162 (Chiu), Supportive Housing Streamlining Bill

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of [NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION], I am writing in support of AB 2162, the Supportive Housing Streamlining Act. This bill would further your efforts to streamline the process of developing housing. [ONE OR TWO SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION]

We know that supportive housing is a cost-effective intervention in ending homelessness for our state’s most vulnerable residents, some of whom have been homeless for decades. It allows people with disabilities to live independently, provides a sense of community, and contributes to neighborhoods. Despite the documented benefits of supportive housing, local jurisdictions often reject or delay approval of applications for building supportive housing. Siting supportive housing has become a routine challenge among supportive housing developers.

AB 2162 will allow developers to build supportive housing “by right” statewide beyond ways SB 35 streamlines affordable housing development. Specifically, it allows for streamlining for supportive housing in rural areas with little to no current supportive housing, commercially-zoned areas that allow for residential use, and property previously occupied and now blighted. It would promote siting of supportive housing without developers having to battle the stigma of housing people with disabilities. And it allows local jurisdictions to adopt streamlining without any adoption of local ordinances or changes to their process.

While local jurisdictions would be able to apply objective standards to reviewing an application to build supportive housing, streamlining supportive housing would allow non-profit developers to build supportive housing without the prolonged approval process typically required in these projects. It would allow developers and local jurisdictions to use public dollars more effectively and quickly. And it would encourage developers to create more housing for people experiencing homelessness.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you sign the bill into law.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

[ORGANIZATION]

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