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August 6, 2019

Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 330 (Skinner) – Housing Crisis Act of 2019 – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Gonzalez:

On behalf of the California Building Industry Association we are pleased to support Senator Skinner's Senate Bill 330 — the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 — which our legislative affairs committee has identified as a **HOUSING CREATOR**. This important legislation will help speed up construction of new housing in California by lifting certain local restrictions on development for a period of five years in areas where housing needs are the greatest.

As you are well aware, California is deeply entrenched in a housing crisis in terms of both affordability and supply. The Department of Housing and Community Development estimates that the state needs upwards of two hundred thousand housing units per year in order to maintain a healthy housing sector. Currently, the industry is producing about half that amount. The imbalance between supply and demand has driven California housing costs to be the highest in the nation, with an average median home price now 2.5 times the U.S. median. It's imperative that we bring more housing into the market to begin to correct this imbalance.

While many cities and counties -- while likely well intentioned -- have created barriers to new housing that has substantially reduced or blocked new housing construction. We believe SB 330 takes meaningful steps to re-establish good government standards for permitting zoning compliant projects and require transparency and consistency in when rules are established for new projects.

For these reasons we support SB 330 and applaud Senator Skinner for her efforts to ensure all Californians have a place to call home.

Sincerely,

Michael Gunning
Senior Vice President of Legislative Affairs

cc Senator Nancy Skinner
Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Jennifer Swenson, Principal Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee