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April 29, 2022

Senator Member Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1335 (Eggman) – Discrimination: housing: credit history of persons receiving housing subsidies. – Support

Dear Senator Portantino,

On behalf of Housing California, I write today in support of SB 1335 (Eggman). This bill would increase home placement for voucher holders by adding credit history as a protected class under the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

Individuals using housing subsidies go into the housing market with a credit history and its stereotype attached to their applications. However, credit scores are an unnecessary tool due to the reliability of payment for the voucher program. As a result, despite having most of the rent covered by the government, those applying for housing subsidies face rejections based on credit histories.

AB 2203 seeks to increase access to affordable housing by prohibiting the use of credit histories to deny tenancy. This legislation would remove a significant obstacle in efforts to end our affordable housing and homelessness crisis. For these reasons, we are pleased to support SB 1335 (Eggman) and respectfully urge your support.

Sincerely,

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