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California Chapter

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Assembly Member Phil Ting
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF OPPOSITION TO AB 68 (TING) MAJOR
 CHANGES TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT LAW**

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to remove our opposition to your bill, AB 68. Your bill proposes a number of amendments to the statewide standards that apply to locally-adopted ordinances concerning accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

APA California appreciates a number of amendments that were taken to address our concerns. Amendments include: the ability to use important planning tools such as Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and lot coverage standards, provided such standards allow at least one 800 square foot ADU on a lot; a cap on the amount of additional ADUs that can be added to multifamily buildings; clarification of the process for HCD's review of ADU ordinances, giving jurisdictions the opportunity to consider and respond to any findings of potential noncompliance HCD issues; keeping in place existing law regarding owner occupancy requirements.

Furthermore, APA California greatly appreciates your staff's time in working with our organization to find compromised solutions to our concerns. Please contact APA California's lobbyist, Lauren De Valencia, if you have any questions at lauren@stefangeorge.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Phillips'.

Eric Phillips
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cc: Senate Housing Committee and Senate Governance and Finance
Committee, the Governor, OPR, Republican Caucus

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