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California Chapter

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The Honorable Jerry McNerney
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6640
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 543 (McNerney) Accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units. – SUPPORT

Dear Senator McNerney:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to **support** SB 543, which makes various technical and organizational changes to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU) law.

APA California is a non-profit organization made up of practicing planners, citizens and public officials committed to advancing the practice of local, regional, and statewide planning throughout urban, suburban, and rural California. As adopted in APA California's Legislative Platform, *Plan California*, our organization is supportive of efforts that minimize constraints to housing production.

To meet housing demand and boost affordability, California must build over 2.5 million homes by 2031, of which 1 million must be affordable for low- and very-low-income residents. One way to address the state's housing affordability crisis is to accelerate the construction of lower-cost housing, like ADUs and JADUs. While many local governments have worked hard to implement ordinances that meet the spirit of the law, there have been some issues that stand to impede meaningful implementation consistently throughout the state. SB 543 cleans up existing state laws governing ADUs and JADUs to eliminate confusion and inconsistencies.

We appreciate your leadership on this important issue and our pleased to support the bill. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren De Valencia, Stefan/George Associates, APA California's lobbyist, at 916 443-5301, lauren@stefangeorge.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Reuben Duarte'.

Reuben Duarte
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cc:

The Governor's Office
The Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
The California Department of Housing and Community Development