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The Honorable David Chiu
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Lisa Engel
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Re: Support for AB 2162 (Chiu), Supportive Housing Streamlining Bill

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) writes in support of AB 2162, the Supportive Housing Streamlining Act.

For more than 25 years, CFPA has worked to improve the health and well-being of low-income Californians by increasing access to nutritious, affordable food. We recognize two very different Californias: one where some people thrive – and one where many people struggle just to get by. We must act now to end the cycle of poverty, poor health, and hunger that hurts millions of Californians, and our state as a whole.

AB 2162 will allow developers to build supportive housing “by right” statewide, including rural areas with little to no current supportive housing, commercially-zoned areas that allow for residential use, and property previously occupied and now blighted.

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. We also know that housing security and food security go hand in hand.

For these reasons, we support this important legislation, and appreciate your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tia Shimada".

Tia Shimada
Director of Programs

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