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The Honorable Jerry Brown
California State Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 94814

AB 1513 (Fox) – Residential Property: Squatters – Support – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the members of the California Apartment Association, I write to request your signature on AB 1513 (Fox), legislation that provides a pilot process for the removal of squatters from homes and rental property in specified cities.

AB 1513 provides a fair and equitable process for the removal of squatters from property that has been registered with, and verified by, local law enforcement to be vacant. Unfortunately, our existing laws do not provide clear authority for law enforcement to assist property owners to remove or prevent occupancy by squatters. CAA members can attest to the fact that when utilizing California's eviction laws, it can take 60 to 90 days or longer to remove an unauthorized person from the property. AB 1513 addresses the problem through this valuable pilot program.

The California Apartment Association is the largest rental housing organization in the nation, representing owners and property managers who together operate more than 2 million units statewide. We thank you for your consideration on this measure.

Respectfully,

CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

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