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August 26, 2014

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2451 (Daly) – Water Submeters – Signature requested

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Apartment Association, I respectfully request your signature on AB 2451 (Daly), a bill to streamline the state's submetering regulatory process to ensure ready access in California to these valuable water measuring devices.

As California continues to face a worsening drought, AB 2451 plays an important role by streamlining the state's water submetering approval process in order to ensure that more submeters are approved for use in our apartment communities. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that when submeters are installed, water use on the part of residents is reduced, on average, by 28 percent.

Unfortunately, many national submeter manufacturers have reduced or stopped altogether shipping submeters to California fearing civil and criminal liability due to the state's complicated rules and approval process. By amending provisions of state law, AB 2451 creates a more streamlined process while preserving the state's important testing and regulatory program. AB 2451 will assure submeter manufacturers that their products are welcome in California and that the current cost and uncertainty surrounding their shipment to the state is removed.

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 strongly encourage you to sign AB 2451. Thank you for your consideration on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

California Apartment Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debra Carlton', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

By
Debra Carlton
Senior Vice President Public Affairs

cc: Honorable Tom Daly, Member of the State Assembly
Martha Guzman, Office of the Governor