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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
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**Re: AB 2406 (Thurmond) – Housing: junior accessory dwelling units
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) respectfully requests your signature on AB 2406 by Assembly Member Tony Thurmond. This measure would provide an optional statutory framework that local governments could use to promote the development of junior accessory dwelling units. Specifically, this bill would allow local agencies to adopt an ordinance providing for the development of junior accessory dwelling units in single-family residential zones. The units could be up to a maximum of 500 square feet in size and would have to be built within the existing walls of a structure.

California's 58 counties support efforts to build more affordable housing in the state. Several local jurisdictions have already adopted such ordinances as a means of promoting the development of new affordable housing by taking advantage of opportunities to more efficiently use the existing housing stock. Encouraging local jurisdictions to follow their lead and facilitate the development of junior accessory dwelling units will help put downward pressure on California rents, which the LAO estimates are fifty percent higher than those in the rest of the country.

It is for these reasons that CSAC respectfully requests your signature on AB 2406. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at kvalentine@counties.org or 916-327-7500 ext. 566.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kiana Valentine'.

Kiana Valentine
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Tony Thurmond, California State Assembly
Graciela Castillo-Krings, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office