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The Honorable John Garamendi
United States House of Representatives
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Request to Co-Sponsor the Housing for All Act (H.R. 6989)

Dear Representative Garamendi:

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to request that you co-sponsor the Housing for All Act (H.R. 6989). Introduced by Representative Ted Lieu, the bill will bolster ongoing state and local efforts to create more stable and affordable housing for Californians, including those who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness.

The measure is an important contribution to addressing the affordable housing crisis, as it would direct significant federal investments in programs that have been shown to alleviate housing shortages and reduce homelessness. Along with the historic investments in Governor Newsom's California Comeback Plan, the Housing for All Act will help support an array of innovative solutions that will change the lives of many Californians.

Similar to all California counties, Solano has an affordable housing crisis. The Solano County 2021 Affordable Housing Needs Report revealed that 80 percent of our extremely low-income residents pay more than 50 percent of their income toward housing and 10,159 low-income renter households do not have access to an affordable home. Renters in the County need to earn \$31.43 per hour - 2.2 times the state minimum wage - to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$1,634.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact Tom Joseph, Solano County Washington Representative, at 202-449-0398 or tj@paragonlobbying.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez,
District 4 Supervisor and Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

Solano County Board of Supervisors
Karen Lange, Legislative Advocate, SYASL Partners, Inc.