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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

Dear Members of the Committee,

As a professional at a community college I am witnessing every day the extent of housing insecurity among our students and their families. SB 799 would help by responding to the current housing crisis in a more compassionate, and simply more RESPONSIVE way, versus allowing the problem to compound by unnecessary evictions.

Our students working to secure living wage jobs through training and education are not able to persist due to high rents, lack of housing and preventable evictions.

I am in support of any measure to help make evictions less common and more fair. Once an eviction has affected a family, the scar is damaging to their next housing opportunity, which then has a ripple effect on training and job opportunities, SB799 will help by streamlining the eviction sealing process. I also support SB 799 because it could help prevent many evictions with the simple measure of improving access legal supports and eviction information in the primary language of tenants.

Finally, SB799 will also help by improving access to over-burdened rent assistance programs by increasing time between nonpayment notice and eviction court.

Today, with such dire and insufficient options for safe and adequate housing, we must do anything we can to promote election prevention.

Thank you for your consideration.