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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1069

Dear Members of the Housing and Development Committee;

In today's fast-paced, technology-driven world, the use of electronic communication has become an essential part of daily life and allowing housing providers to use electronic methods for written notices and refunds would provide substantial benefits. Electronic communication will save time, money, and effort. It will eliminate the need for paper mailings, which can often be lost, delayed, or even missed entirely. Electronic communication will also provide a more efficient method of communication, ensuring that tenants receive important information quickly. In addition, electronic refunds would provide tenants with a much faster, more secure, and more convenient way of receiving their security deposits or other payments. Waiting for a paper check to arrive in the mail can be a significant inconvenience, especially if a tenant has already moved out of the property. If landlords can receive money electronically, why can't they refund money electronically?

Furthermore, electronic communication and refunds would also benefit our city, our state, and our country by reducing the environmental impact of printing paper notices and checks. As a society, we have an obligation to reduce our carbon footprint, and waste stream, which this legislation would be a step forward to both those ends. In conclusion, I strongly support the proposed legislation that would allow landlords to send written notices through electronic methods and to refund money by electronic means. As shared above, I believe that this legislation would improve the experience of renting while reducing our carbon footprint and waste stream as a broader community. I urge you to pass this legislation and thank you for considering my testimony.