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On Behalf Of: Community Alliance of Tenants
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB54

Dear Chair Pham and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

On behalf of the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT), I am writing to express concerns regarding SB 54. While we support efforts to ensure safe and comfortable living conditions for tenants, the bill in its current form presents challenges that could impact affordable housing operations.

Key concerns include:

1. Implementation Costs: Retrofitting buildings or installing new cooling systems may be financially prohibitive, potentially affecting housing affordability.
2. Energy Infrastructure: Increased cooling requirements could strain the energy grid, necessitating sustainable solutions.
3. Unintended Consequences: Without careful planning, the bill could lead to rent increases or reduced investment in affordable housing.

We appreciate the bill's intent and look forward to working with stakeholders to refine it in a way that supports tenants without compromising affordability.

Sincerely,
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