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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Please invest \$173.2M in homelessness prevention and rent assistance programs in SB 5011.

Having a safe, stable place to live is foundational to everything else. This critical funding prevents homelessness before it starts—protecting children's education, parents' employment, and community stability. Most families need help just once to weather a financial crisis and maintain their housing. \$109M for rent assistance and \$63.2M to support housing navigation services, landlord-tenant education and outreach, legal services, tenant supports, eviction prevention, tenant advocacy, and rapid rehousing services. This is included in the Governor's Recommended Budget and the OHCS budget.

I urge you to invest \$173.2M in homelessness prevention and rent assistance programs.

Sincerely,  
Lori Normam  
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