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Please vote NO on Senate Bill 1095-A

It is wrong to penalize, fine and fee homeowners who own a home that is temporarily vacant. It is not the government's job to force people into temporarily vacant homes.

The vacant homes the public is concerned about are the truly abandoned drug homes with no owners that have sat idle for years and have become perpetual crime scenes or vandalism displays. Why not fix that problem?

Senate Bill 1095 imposes a fee on homes that remain empty for an extended period. This is the Legislature's way of fixing their housing shortage, by blaming and punishing everyday homeowners who may have a vacant house due to financial hardship or family emergencies that are not medical. Even the amendment exemptions being offered (military, health, etc.), cannot truly capture all of the various problems and crisis situations that people run into when they are not in their home.

Lawmakers have created a housing shortage because of extreme red-tape (environmental) and ultra-tight government restrictions blocking new land for building new homes. Instead of fixing the problem, Senate Bill 1095 punishes homeowners who may be between homes or in a financial crunch.