



CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR LONG-TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS (CCLTSS)

September 21, 2017

Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor
State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 3 (Beall) – SIGN

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports is comprised of 34 statewide aging and disability organizations that promote dignity and independence in long-term living. Our members include advocates, providers, labor and health insurers. We urge you to sign SB 3 (Beall), which will increase California's supply of low-income housing and assist those with disabilities and chronic illnesses to remain living in communities rather than being forced into unnecessary and costly institutionalization.

The availability of low-income housing in California is reaching a crisis level. State dollars to leverage federal funds and private investment are the lowest in years and as a result, California's private housing market is not meeting demand. This is largely because three of California's affordable housing development funding sources have disappeared – redevelopment funding, voter-approved bond funding, and capital advance grant funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 202 program. Overall, the state and federal governments have reduced investments in affordable housing in California by a combined total of over \$1.5 billion annually.

SB 3 would significantly increase California's supply of affordable homes while creating jobs and spurring economic growth. It would open up a source of funding for the development of new affordable housing units, and would help the state build tens of

thousands of affordable homes for our most vulnerable citizens, consequently avoiding costs to the Medi-Cal program and the state budget for unnecessary and expensive institutional care.

We urge you to sign SB 3 to provide safe and affordable housing for Californians in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurel A. Mildred". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Hon. Jim Beall