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Subject: Support of HJR 203 and the lifting of the constitutional ban on real estate transfer fees

I want to start by thanking the committee for your tremendous efforts in bringing forth a historic funding package for furthering resources dedicated to affordable housing in our state. As you know, the crisis of affordability is an ongoing challenge and one that continues to grow. As wages have remained relatively flat but costs for housing and services have steadily climbed, the pressures faced by households and the growing crisis of homelessness is a visual reminder that we have lots of work left to do. By supporting Governor Brown's HJR 203 you would provide a significant permanent funding source for affordable housing which is critical to meeting the challenges of housing affordability our communities continue to face.

Best regards,

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