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CITY OF LONG BEACH

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The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Garcia
United States House of Representatives
109 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nanette Diaz Barragán
United States House of Representatives
2312 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for S.2651, the Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act of 2025

Dear Senators Padilla and Schiff, and Representatives Barragán and Garcia,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), the City strongly supports the bold vision and goals of the Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act of 2025. Investing in proven solutions alongside innovative new programs will bring housing stability and home ownership closer to a reality for thousands of families and individuals.

The City has a strong track record of utilizing federal funding strategically to build and preserve affordable housing for low-income families, veterans, and people at risk of experiencing homelessness. In FY 2024 the City received $2,567,896 for low-income housing programs through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, helping ensure every resident has access to safe and affordable housing. In the last few years alone, the City of Long Beach has invested more than $30 million of CDBG and HOME funds to create over 600 new affordable housing units.

The ROAD to Housing Act includes several exciting new opportunities for cities willing to address the challenges of housing affordability and availability. The Innovation Fund, incentives in the Build Now Act, and encouraging housing production in Opportunity Zones will produce new resources and strategies to address the housing crisis. Additionally, streamlining the development and approval process for new housing, expanding financing options, and incentivizing transit-oriented development and building reuse, will ensure investments are targeted, and effective in meeting shared housing goals. For these reasons, the City strongly supports the ROAD to Housing Act of 2025.

Sincerely,

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