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CITY OF LONG BEACH

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The Honorable Adam Schiff
Hart Senate Office Building #112
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for S.3464 (Schiff)—The Housing BOOM Act of 2025

Dear Senator Schiff,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), the City strongly supports the bold vision and goals of the Housing BOOM (Building Occupancy Opportunities for Millions) Act of 2025. Targeted investment in historically successful housing programs will lead to new home construction, and increased stability for residents in Long Beach and across the country. Partnered with additional protections and resources for tenants, the Housing BOOM Act creates an opportunity to significantly address regional housing shortages and support individuals at risk of experiencing homelessness.

In recent years, Long Beach has added more than 1,000 affordable units across the City, many of which would not be possible without the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). However, demand for the LIHTC has constantly surpassed the availability of the program, leaving private investment on the table. Expanding the 9% LIHTC will allow for additional housing projects to be built, leveraging every dollar available to support residents in need of affordable housing. A $10 billion annual loan fund and a $5 billion annual block grant program focused on households earning 60% to 120% of AMI, will ensure residents of all incomes will be able to work, live and thrive in Long Beach.

In addition to creating new housing, the Housing BOOM Act will provide additional resources to prevent people at risk of experiencing homelessness from losing stable housing. Creating a new office within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development focused specifically on tenants' rights and support will help centralize and amplify resources at the federal level. The Housing Boom Act will also increase tenant-based rental assistance programs like Section 8 and HUD-VASH, enhancing mental and behavioral health services, and prohibit discrimination based on source of income in the sale or rental of housing. These critical investments in housing affordability and stability will support countless vulnerable residents in Long Beach and across the country, including veterans, single parents, and seniors. For these reasons, the City is in strong support of the Housing BOOM Act of 2025.

Sincerely,

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