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The Honorable Senator Anna Caballero
Chair, California State Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 57 (McKinnor) SUPPORT

Dear Chair Caballero:

On behalf of [Your Organization/Your Name], I am writing to express our strong support for AB 57, which will allocate a portion of funds in the Home Purchase Assistance Program for descendants of formerly enslaved people.

California has long been a leader in addressing historical inequities and AB 57 builds on that legacy by acknowledging and addressing the systemic barriers that have prevented descendants of enslaved people from achieving equitable access to homeownership. Homeownership is a cornerstone of wealth building and this bill is an important step toward ensuring that this historically marginalized community has opportunities to close the wealth gap and achieve economic stability.

Existing law provides for the Home Purchase Assistance Program, which assists low- and moderate-income homebuyers in purchasing owner-occupied homes. AB 57 would allocate a portion of these resources for the descendants of formerly enslaved people, recognizing the historical injustices and economic harm caused by slavery and systemic discrimination. This measure would advance equity and help address generational disparities in housing access and wealth accumulation.

We support AB 57 because it reflects a commitment to justice, equity and opportunity for an important community that has been disproportionately harmed by historical oppression.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

NAME

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cc: The Honorable Assemblymember Tina McKinnor
Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee