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**DATE**, 2025

The Honorable Mike Fong  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 413 (FONG): DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT: GUIDELINES: TRANSLATION – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Fong,

On behalf of **[YOUR ORGANIZATION]**, I write in support of Assembly Bill 413, which will require the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) to translate key state housing guidelines and handbooks into the non-English languages commonly spoken in California.

**[OPTIONAL: INSERT BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS AB 413 AND/OR HOW IT WILL IMPACT YOUR MEMBERS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT, PLEASE DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH.]**

Over the past decade, California has enacted legislation to expedite the construction of new homes, particularly Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). However, these laws can be complex, posing implementation challenges even for experienced home builders. To facilitate the application of state housing laws, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) produces handbooks, guides, and other resources available to the public. These materials, including explanations on utilizing state laws to construct ADUs and other housing types, are currently available only in English.

Recognizing California's linguistic diversity, with approximately 44% of residents over the age of five speaking a language other than English at home, HCD introduced a Language Access Plan in July 2022 to provide equitable language assistance to community partners and customers. Despite this initiative, key resources like the ADU handbook remain untranslated, limiting their accessibility for non-English-speaking residents.

AB 413 will require the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to translate key resources, such as the ADU handbook, to improve access to housing laws. By ensuring clear and inclusive communication, this measure promotes equity and enables diverse communities to better understand and navigate housing regulations.

For these reasons, **[YOUR ORGANIZATION]** is proud to support AB 413 (Fong).

Sincerely,

[Signature]  
[Typed Name]