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Assemblymember David Chiu
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

January 15, 2021

RE: AB 15 (Chiu) Tenant stabilization - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 15 addressing tenant stabilization in light of COVID 19. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include Housing <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We view AB 15 as a critical measure to extend California's COVID-related eviction protections amid a raging pandemic which has laid bare our state's housing inequities. As an organization which works to address our dual housing and homelessness crises, we urge the passage of AB 15, which will shield California renters from potential displacement, protect the public health, and aid in our recovery.

The Legislature must act before the expiration of the Judicial Council's moratorium on eviction proceedings on January 31, 2021. While AB 3088's protections fall short of a fully health-protective moratorium on all evictions, they have prevented many evictions due to the ever-growing inability of California renters to pay their rent because of the pandemic and our responses to it. Now is simply not the time to allow these protections to expire. In the face of increasing numbers of COVID cases and declining availability of healthcare resources, we must both extend these stopgap protections and begin to address the structural housing issues which have subjected so many families to the real risk of being pushed out of their homes and onto the streets during a pandemic.

For these reasons, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 15 and urges its immediate passage.

Sincerely,

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President SBWPC

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