

April 8, 2019

The Honorable Kamala Harris
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 4, the LIFT the Middle Class Act -- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Harris:

I am writing today on behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to express our support for the LIFT the Middle Class Act (S. 4), which would provide needed tax relief for middle class and working families.

The LIFT the Middle Class Act would provide up to \$6,000 for families and \$3,000 for individuals, in the form of a refundable tax credit, to help them address the rising cost of living. The tax credit applies to households earning under \$100,000 annually and individuals earning under \$50,000 per year.

As you know, in Monterey County and other parts of the Central Coast, the demand for affordable housing continues to outpace supply. It has become increasingly difficult for many businesses in Monterey County to maintain a stable workforce when workers are forced to make impossible choices between paying for rent and covering other basic needs like food and healthcare. Refundable tax credits for working families would put more money in the pockets of our residents and create a more stable economic environment for our business community.

We greatly appreciate your attention to the financial challenges facing working families in Monterey County and across our nation and for your leadership in introducing the LIFT the Middle Class Act. Monterey County is pleased to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

John M. Phillips
Chair, Board of Supervisors