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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 6962 Families First Housing Act of 2026

Dear Representative Lofgren:

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for H.R. 6962, the Families First Housing Act of 2026. Housing affordability and availability are among the most urgent challenges facing our communities. Working families, agricultural workers, seniors on fixed incomes, veterans, and young parents are struggling to secure stable housing in a market marked by rising costs, limited inventory, and increasing construction expenses. This housing instability affects not only individual families, but also our schools, workforce, health systems, and overall economic vitality.

The Families First Housing Act represents a meaningful step toward addressing these interconnected challenges. By prioritizing housing stability for families over the bottom-line of institutional investors, this legislation supports the fundamental principle that safe, stable housing is the foundation for opportunity and well-being. Although we are working diligently to expand affordable housing options, streamline permitting, and leverage partnerships to meet growing demand, local efforts alone are not sufficient to close the gap. This federal legislation is essential to ensure that communities like ours have the resources and flexibility needed to support first-time homebuyers and preserve existing affordable housing stock.

Stable housing directly contributes to improved educational outcomes for children, better health indicators for families, and stronger workforce participation. When families are not burdened by constant displacement or excessive housing costs, they are better positioned to invest in their futures and contribute to the economic strength of our region. By focusing on prevention, affordability, and local implementation, this legislation will help counties respond more effectively to housing pressures while maintaining accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. We are proud to offer our support for H.R. 6962, the Families First Housing Act.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Root Askew, Chair
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Cc: The Honorable Jimmy Panetta, 19th Congressional District
The Honorable Alex Padilla, Senator for California
The Honorable Adam Schiff, Senator for California



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