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In support of SB-48, The Housing Innovation Program

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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Dear Governor Newsom,

The University of California hereby writes in support of SB-48, Housing Innovation Program Introduced by the Honorable Senator John Laird. The introduction of this piece of legislation attacks California's housing and affordability crisis. Through funding raised from applicable nonprofit organizations (or profit organizations that can guarantee selling or renting homes at affordable rate for low-middle income buyers). As required by the proposed legislation 10 percent of funds must be allocated to rural and underfunded regions, 20 percent shall be allocated to California's University Students, and a \$1,000,000 maximum grant per organization. The model follows as using abandoned buildings suitable for housing, having experienced at least six months of vacancy.

California being one of the largest states also has one of the largest populations of un-housed individuals, this with the increasing cost of living clears a straight way for a housing crisis. This piece of legislation seeks to end the crisis before it begins. Additionally 30 percent of the funding being allocated to some of the constituents most disproportionately affected by the increasing cost of living, rural communities and college students. Rural constituents already disproportionately affected by economic hardship are one of the groups at biggest risk of facing homelessness due to rising costs (ie. rent, mortgage payments). College students as well as rural constituents are some of the groups hit the hardest by increasing housing prices. Students being met with tuition, housing, supply, and transportation costs face some of the biggest risks of becoming unhoused over the duration of their time as a college student. A great many of our students from the University of California come from rural

and low income regions and families who are affected by the housing crisis. As the future of our Great State and our Nation, our students across California deserve access to affordable and stable housing. By allocating funding to these constituents, the legislation takes a critical approach to ending the housing crisis.

For these reasons, The University of California confirms our support, respectfully and humbly urges your support for SB-48, and appreciates your consideration.

Sincerely,

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