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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB444

Dear Chair Pham, Co-chair Anderson, and Committee Members,

My name is Andrew Haynes, and I am writing to express my support for SB444. It is crucial that we address the issue of accessibility in our buildings to ensure equitable housing for all individuals, including those with physical and mental health needs.

I have observed instances where accessible units offered through Section 8 (Home Forward) are allocated to individuals who may not be in urgent need, while others continue to struggle with inadequate living conditions. Additionally, I have witnessed individuals seeking assistance at Unity (Mental Health Crisis Hospital) due to the lack of accessible housing options or because the rent for accessible units is prohibitively high compared to non-accessible alternatives.

Thank you for considering the importance of this issue.

Sincerely,
Andrew Haynes