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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Honorable Committee Chair Jama and Members:

My request to you to reject this bill stems from my concern over SB1537's likely result that Housing Cost Impact Statements would be made more complicated, would take longer, and would be subject to more challenges. The existing language in statute already allows for all of the proposed new reporting provisions to be considered under current law, if deemed significant or relevant. Please do not add new burdensome requirements by expanding and adding opportunities for review through the judicial system into what ought to be at the impact statement stage of development an administrative process.

We task our state agencies with many difficult projects to make rules to implement the policies legislators pass. This bill would have the effect of creating unnecessary new hurdles for agencies to jump through and delay the work of implementing legislative or executive branch policy-making.

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