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Senator Mike McGuire

Chair, Senate Government & Housing Committee
Via the Senate Position Letter Portal

**Re: AB 3153 Parking and zoning: parking credits.**

Dear Senator McGuire,

I am writing as a constituent of yours to respectfully request your support for Assembly Bill 3153 (Robert Rivas). This bill will allow housing developers to replace some of their required car parking spaces with bike parking or car-sharing spaces.

California is facing a monumental housing shortage. Our planet is facing an existential threat from climate change. Yet, many local laws mandate excessive storage for cars in new housing with no requirements for bicycle parking. These laws effectively subsidize motor vehicles and penalize the growing number of people who would prefer to use a bicycle for many of their trips. This is backwards. It sets California back in its attempt to address the housing shortage and reduce climate change impacts.

AB 3153 makes progress on both challenges by reducing the cost of building housing and supporting a long-overdue transition from motor vehicles. It gives incentives to developers to do the right thing.

With the increased popularity and affordability of e-bikes, such as electric utility bikes, many people have begun to use bikes in place of almost all their car trips, including taking kids to school or picking up supplies at the hardware store. These bikes especially need storage set aside for them in their housing.

AB 3153 is in the Local Governance and Finance Committee right now. As Chair of that committee, **you can make a difference by making sure this bill gets a vote and supporting it on the Committee.**

Please support it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Any other identifying information you prefer to provide