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June 12, 2025

Senator Aisha Wahab
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 726 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wahab,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support for AB 726, which allows cities to receive credit on their housing element annual report for contributing to the substantial rehabilitation of deeply-targeted affordable housing.

Currently municipalities prepare annual reports for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that outline how much affordable housing they have developed. AB 726 allows cities to augment these reports to include updates on the number of existing affordable housing units rehabilitated so they can receive credit for preserving their existing affordable housing. This small, but impactful adjustment to the reporting process will incentivize local investment in critical repairs, and will ultimately offer cities much-needed support as they determine how to utilize resources for affordable housing projects in their jurisdictions.

As the AB 726 makes its way through the cycle, we encourage Assemblymember Ávila Fariás to also consider how this policy may impact regional housing trusts and their affordable housing efforts.

CCCA represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our support for AB 726.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Senate Housing Committee