



March 10, 2022

Senator Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 234 (Wiener): Transition Aged Youth Housing Program - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wiener,

On behalf of All Home, I am writing in support of SB 234. All Home is a Bay Area organization that advances regional solutions to disrupt the cycles of poverty and homelessness and create more economic mobility for people with extremely low incomes.

SB 234 would create a Transition Aged Youth Housing Program to address the specific needs of young people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. There is a serious lack of funding for supportive housing reserved for young people transitioning to adulthood. This program would fund new housing, or acquire existing housing, for transition-age youth between the ages of 16 and 26. The housing will be prioritized for young people who are homeless, in or exiting foster care, or exiting the criminal justice system.

As they strive to get a solid start in life, these young people face extremely high rates of housing instability and homelessness, which makes it difficult to pursue education or employment opportunities that would enable them to become self-sufficient. The legislation will help remove financial barriers to construction and acquisition for affordable housing developers to serve this under-resourced population, addressing both our long-term housing crisis and more pressing housing needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Creating safe, affordable housing options for transition-aged youth is an important response to address the crisis of homelessness in our state. It is for these reasons that All Home supports SB 234. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark purple ink that reads "Tomiquia Moss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tomiquia Moss, Founder and CEO of All Home

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