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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 68 (Ting)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 68, which revises existing laws regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs).

ADU's are a good thing, as they provide new housing units during a housing crisis. But AB 68 is ADU's on steroids. It requires cities to approve, without a hearing, up to two ADU's in an existing single family home, and permits ADU's in up to 25% of the number of units in a multifamily building.

In addition, AB 68 prohibits cities from requiring additional parking spaces when a new ADU demolishes or eliminates a parking space. This will result in substantial impacts on existing neighborhoods. While this may work in some jurisdictions, that does not mean it will work throughout the state. This radical change should be an option to encourage construction in those jurisdictions where it makes sense, but not a state mandate.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto of AB 68.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader