

June 2, 2025

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks 1021 O Street, Suite 8140 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 736 (Wicks) – Support (As Amended 4/10/2025)

Dear Assemblymember Wicks:

Associated Builders and Contractors of California (ABC CA) is a statewide organization representing working Californians in carpentry, construction, construction craft laborer, electrical, low voltage, painting, plumbing, pipefitting, and sheet metal who are building commercial, industrial and affordable housing projects, and we write to express our support position on AB 736 (Wicks), a bill that authorizes the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 to place a \$10 billion housing bond on the March 2, 2026 primary ballot to fund production of affordable housing and supportive housing.

Investment in housing means investment in California's construction industry workforce. Our workforce plays a vital role in the state's economy, offering stable, family-supporting jobs across diverse communities. Funding like this directly supports an industry that not only builds homes but builds economic opportunity for thousands of working Californians.

For these reasons, Associated Builders and Contractors of California proudly supports AB 736 and urges the advancement of the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 to the ballot for voter consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Gutierrez Chair of the Board