



September 1, 2016

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
California State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2299 (Bloom) – Second Units – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the members of the California Apartment Association (CAA), I request your signature on AB 2299, a bill that will help with California's housing deficit by mandating that local agencies grant the approval of second units if they meet specific criteria as outlined in the bill.

California is struggling to meet the needs of its citizens when it comes to housing, especially housing that is affordable near jobs centers and public transportation. By promoting the development of second units, AB 2299 will help alleviate our housing shortage, while capitalizing on limited land resources. While second units can serve as much needed rental housing, they can also provide homes for college students, elderly parents, or individuals with disabilities who need to live close to their families or others who can provide them support. By providing for the efficient approval of second units, you will bring the units to the housing market sooner and will make them more affordable.

The California Apartment Association is the largest statewide rental housing trade association in the country, representing 50,000 owners and managers who are responsible for over two million rental units throughout California. Thank you for your consideration measure.

Sincerely,

**CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION**

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cc: Assembly Member Richard Bloom