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The Honorable Carol Liu, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 123 (Portantino)
CAPA Position: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Liu,

The California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) urges your support of AB 123 (Portantino), which is scheduled to be heard June 9 in the Senate Human Services Committee. CAPA's 52 members serve as the local employers of record for the In-home Supportive Services program and operate the IHSS provider registries.

CAPA believes that AB 123 is a straightforward bill to exempt two additional types of federal low-income housing from State licensure requirements, for the purpose of allowing the owner of the facilities to coordinate residents' access to supportive services. The exemption does not mean the housing would be unregulated. Both types – Section 8 subsidized housing and housing covered by the low-income tax credit – are heavily regulated under their federal programs.

Rather, what the exemption does mean is that more elderly, low-income Californians could "age in place," enjoying greater independence and sense of dignity than they would if forced to live in a skilled nursing facility.

Again, CAPA urges your support of AB 123, and appreciates your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Schinske".

Don Schinske
Legislative Advocate

cc. The Honorable Anthony Portantino
The Honorable Abel Maldonado, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Human Services Committee
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