

## **SAMPLE EMAIL FOR YOU TO SEND OR CUSTOMIZE:**

Dear Assembly Member \_\_\_\_\_,

I strongly urge you to support AB 71 (L. Rivas/Chiu/Bloom/Wicks) - The Bring California Home Act. I understand it will soon be considered by the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee. Your support is critical to pass AB 71 for the many low-income families and individuals in desperate need of affordable housing. California is facing a mushrooming homelessness and housing catastrophe, fueled by sky-rocketing rents and severe lack of affordable housing, and exacerbated by a pandemic economy crushing low-wage workers. California unfortunately leads the nation in the number of people experiencing homelessness. An estimated 151,000 people in California experienced homelessness based on the January 2020 annual point-in-time count. In the aftermath of COVID-19, the number of people now homeless, or on the brink, has certainly grown.

AB 71 is necessary for many reasons, including the following:

AB 71 for the first time would establish a comprehensive statewide approach to homelessness AND establish the permanent on-going source of funding necessary to support housing and services at the scale necessary to meaningfully address the crisis.

AB 71 includes strict accountability provisions to push local governments to make meaningful progress toward measurable outcomes, or else lose access to additional funding.

AB 71 would enable local governments to implement the array of evidence-based interventions necessary to address the varied needs faced by homeless families, single adults, and youth in their struggle to secure housing and stay permanently housed.

AB 71 encourages local governments to confront systemic racial inequities that reinforce disproportionate rates of homelessness among different racial/ethnic groups. For example, while only 6.5% of Californians are Black, almost 40% of the State's homeless population is Black. That is wrong!

### **AB 71 is funded by ensuring corporations pay their fair share.**

AB 71 simply reinstates the 1980 corporate tax rate on corporations making more than \$5 million each year in profits. AB 71 also ensures multinational corporations pay taxes on income they make overseas -- which they are currently able to avoid. These taxes do not create any incentives for these impacted CA-based corporations to move their headquarters to another State, because the taxes are assessed on sales they make in California -- no matter where they are headquartered. The state where their headquarters is located is irrelevant. In fact, AB 71 would equally impact 1800 large corporations doing business in CA, but headquartered elsewhere.

### **The approach of one-time funding is not working.**

Over the last three years, the State has allocated local governments a patchwork of one-time funding and left it to locales to cobble it together with other locally- administered funding to address the crisis. As the [State Auditor report on homelessness](#) concluded, sporadic, fleeting

State funding commitments will never create sustainable solutions to this long-term statewide crisis.

**AB 71 has strict accountability measures.**

AB 71 would hold local governments accountable to meaningful and measurable outcomes, or else they lose access to additional funding. AB 71 would establish regular, fully transparent accounting of how the money is being spent.

I strongly urge the State Legislature and Governor to comprehensively address our State's homeless crisis now. AB 71, The Bring California Home Act, would create the first- of- its- kind permanent funding source to reverse the cycle of homelessness across the State—by making highly-profitable, multi-million dollar corporations pay their fair share toward the solution, and by holding local governments accountable.

Thank you.