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The Honorable Senator Susan Rubio 1021 O Street, Suite #8710 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 20 (Rubio) Regional Housing Trusts: State Framework – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Rubio:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express support for your bill, SB 20 (Rubio), establishing a state framework for regional housing trusts.

Humboldt County and several of its cities have been exploring the establishment of a regional housing trust to receive public and private funds as a proven solution to help finance affordable housing projects for homeless, low-income, and medium and moderate income populations. While previous regional housing trusts have been established piecemeal through special legislation, SB 20 will establish statewide standards and best practices for regional housing trusts that will allow communities like ours to form a regional housing trust without the hurdle of special legislation.

Humboldt County supports enhancing regional collaboration and efforts to increase affordable housing by partnering with cities in areas near employment, services and public transit. We are pleased to support SB 20 and thank you for authoring this very important legislation.

Sincerely,

Steve Madrone, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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cc: The Honorable Senator Mike McGuire

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The Honorable Assemblymember Jim Wood California State Association of Counties Rural County Representatives of California

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