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Good afternoon Commissioners and Supervisors,

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation. I am an architect and have practiced for 20 years in the Bay Area. In the majority of the country, a home of 2,500 sf is a modest sized home, yet this legislation presumes it is a “monster” development. In my practice, I have worked with many Chinese, Indian, and Mexican families who live in households with multiple generations together. Those families often require more than 2,500 sf so that 2, 3, or even 4 generations of family members can live together. I’m sure it was not the intent, but this legislation is discriminatory.

This proposed legislation smacks of the demolition legislation proposed last year. It tries to mandate how people should live. There simply is no single way in which people create a home.

Not only does this legislation create a discriminatory policy, but it further delays projects across the city. Many of my residential clients come to me while they are pregnant, often with their first child. They are astonished when I explain that even a modest addition will take 2-5 years for city approvals. It’s crushing for me to have to tell my clients their child will be walking and talking before their project is approved, but that is often the case. My experience in working in SF clearly shows that the challenge to creating housing lies in streamlining permitting, rather than creating more restrictions, more hurdles, and more delays to construction projects.

I welcome the opportunity to work with the Supervisors to help craft legislation that incentivizes new housing, while protecting homeowner's rights to live in a way that works for their family's needs. Please don't hesitate to contact me. I'd love to be part of helping to create a solution with you.

All the best,

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