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Good afternoon,

I am a local architect with a small office in Hayes Valley. I am writing today in STRONG SUPPORT of your proposed legislation to extend the Tier IV soft story deadline for one additional year.

September 15th is rapidly approaching and I have several clients who are not able to proceed with their construction due to permit delays on both their soft story plans/revisions and also on associated ADU permits.

Property safety is critical, especially to me as an architect. But right now, permit delays are adding 4-6 months to the most basic of applications. I have several projects with both soft story and ADU scope combined, but our ADU approvals have slowed to almost a stand-still since the Covid Shut-down. My clients in the Tier IV category are very concerned about having a violation notice posted on their buildings in a time when so many tenants are failing to pay rent. In addition, property tenants are now all working from home and the disruption from construction noise is a major issue. We are finding tenants asking for construction to be slowed down, or limited to portions of the day so they can continue to work without disruption even for a portion of each day. Obviously, that results in construction delays, making a deadline in just 1 month almost impossible to achieve for many property owners.

I urge you to support this important, common-sense legislation so we can make our buildings safer, but in a time limit that takes the Covid impacts into consideration.

Thank you so much,

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