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San Francisco Planning Commission  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

**RE: Addition of Dwelling Unit in Seismic Retrofit Buildings**

Dear Planning Commissioners:

On behalf of SPUR, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ordinance permitting the addition of new dwelling units in buildings undergoing seismic retrofitting.

SPUR has long advocated to make it easier to build or legalize accessory dwelling units (i.e. secondary or in-law units). Creating accessory dwelling units helps add more homes across the city in a way that does not change existing neighborhood character and has limited impact on neighborhood infrastructure. Accessory dwelling units also provide a subsidy-free path to provide housing units that are typically "affordable by design" because of their size, location and physical constraints.

This ordinance provides an incentive for property owners to complete the earthquake-safety retrofitting of existing housing, and at the same time it enables the addition of more housing to our city's supply. This is a great opportunity to align and push forward multiple policy goals of the city.

SPUR supports this ordinance and thanks Supervisor Wiener for his continued leadership on accessory dwelling units.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,

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