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The Honorable Assemblymember Phil Ting
California State Assembly
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RE: Assembly Bill 953 (Ting) – Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units

Dear Assemblymember Ting,

Thank you for your consistent championing of accessory dwelling units over the last several years. **SPUR is pleased to support AB 953**, which would correct some typographical errors made in the chaptering process between AB 68 (Ting), AB 881 (Bloom), and SB 13 (Wieckowski) in 2019. Correcting these errors is critical to providing clarity as the bills go into effect this year.

As you well know, SPUR has a long history of advocating for more ADUs in San Francisco and across the Bay Area, starting with our *Secondary Units* paper in 2001. ADUs are a key component of a thoughtful and wide-reaching approach to addressing the housing crisis that reflects the critical importance of protecting people in their homes, preserving existing affordable homes, and producing new homes at all levels of affordability. ADUs can cost less to both build and rent, making them an affordable and ecofriendly source of new housing. Small housing forms have long been recognized as the most carbon-neutral way to build and live. ADUs utilize existing space on lots and preserve the character and diversity of existing neighborhoods by offering a range of housing types that fit seamlessly into existing communities of many types. ADUs are the only housing form that exists today in California that can be permitted and built in under a year. Recent state efforts to incentivize the construction of ADUs have resulted in more communities and families building ADUs as a cost efficient way to address the affordable housing crisis.

With these critical corrections, 2019's ADU legislation has the potential to help add tens of thousands of new units to California's housing stock. For these reasons and more, SPUR is proud to support AB 953.

Sincerely,

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