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The Honorable Marc Levine
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1537 (Levine) – General plan housing element: regional housing need (in current form)
– SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Levine:

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors writes to express its support for Assembly Bill 1537 which refines the definition of "suburban" counties for the purpose of default housing density.

Under current law, a county's default density is determined by a formula which is partly dependent on the population of the Metropolitan Statistical Area where the county is located. This formula leaves El Dorado County with a default density designation of "metropolitan." AB 1537 adjusts the designations for counties in a Metropolitan Statistical Area of 2,000,000 or more and a population of less than 400,000 from "metropolitan" to "suburban" as well as cities within those counties with populations between 25,000 and 100,000 for the purpose of default housing density. The bill allows more flexibility for the County to meet requirements of the state Planning and Zoning Law. El Dorado County is one of four counties that would be affected; the other counties are Placer, Yolo, and Marin.

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors appreciates your authoring of AB 1537 as introduced on January 22, 2014. We look forward to following its successful progress through the legislature.

Sincerely,

Norma Santiago, Chair
Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County

Cc: Assemblymember Beth Gaines, Vice Chair, Housing and Community Development Committee
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