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The Honorable Eloise Gómez Reyes

State Capitol, Room 2175

Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 307 (Reyes) – Combatting Youth Homelessness Grant Program**

**Position: Support**

Dear Assembly Member Reyes,

On behalf of [Organization], I am writing in support of AB 307, which will require the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (Council) to develop, oversee and administer a $100 million grant program for nonprofits or continuum of care administrative entities to provide services for youth experiencing homelessness. AB 307 will invest in prevention and early intervention support services, low-barrier and diverse housing opportunities, and post-housing and follow-up services so each county can have an array of options for youth as they escape homelessness.

[Insert paragraph about your organization and why addressing youth experiencing homelessness is important.]

California has the highest number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness in the country and the second highest percentage of youth who are unsheltered. Yet, California lacks a clear on-going commitment to prevent and end homelessness among young people. Building on the Homeless Youth Act of 2018, AB 307 will have the Council develop and administer grants for interventions, services and housing for young people experiencing homelessness.

Solving youth homelessness is a critical part of ending California’s larger homelessness crisis because young people who experience homelessness are five times more likely than their peers to become homeless adults. No young person should have to choose between school and the streets or between meaningful work and the street economy. No young person should be sleeping on a city bus or camping on a sidewalk. AB 307 will help California’s young people who are experiencing homelessness to ensure that it is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

For these reasons, [Organization] is pleased to support AB 307.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title, Organization]

cc: Senator Scott Wiener