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The Honorable David Chiu  
State Capitol  
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**RE: AB 15 (Chiu) COVID-19 relief: tenancy: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021**  
**AAP-CA Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Chiu,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing over 3,000 pediatrician members strongly supports AB 15 as introduced on December 7, 2020, which would extend the repeal date of the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 from February 25, 2025 to January 1, 2026 and provide other protections to Californians who have been unable to work and cover basic expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 19th, 2020, Governor Newsom ordered California's residents statewide to stay home, restricting non-essential movements to control the spread of COVID-19. The economic effects of the necessary public health measure have stopped the flow of income with job freezes and layoffs. Tens of thousands of Californians have lost their jobs and their ability to support their families financially. Many California families live paycheck to paycheck and do not have savings from which to pay their rent.

Studies published in the *American Journal of Infection Control* and the *JAMA Open Network* have shown that staying at home can substantially reduce the spread of the virus. However, to "stay at home" requires a home. Measures must be taken to protect families already struggling with homelessness and to avoid adding to those numbers with even a single eviction.

AB 15 would extend protections from eviction and address areas where the act has created uncertainty or challenges so that families can stay in their homes and care for their children and so that everyone is able to follow the public health guidance to stay at home that protects our communities through this public health emergency.

AAP-CA strongly supports AB 15. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Pfaff". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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cc: AAP Leadership