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January 28, 2021

The Honorable Anna Caballero  
State Capitol, Room 5052  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Steven Bradford  
State Capitol, Room 2059  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 3 (Caballero & Bradford) Tenancy: COVID 19.**  
**AAP-CA Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Senators Caballero and Bradford,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing over 3,000 pediatrician members strongly supports SB 3 as introduced on December 7, 2020, which would extend the covered time period and transition time period of the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 from January 31, 2021 to March 31, 2021.

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 financially support their families. Many California families live paycheck to paycheck and do not have savings from which to pay their rent.

According to the state's COVID-19 dashboard, California had 3,062,068 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 35,768 deaths as of January 22, 2021. The number of COVID-related deaths increased by 2.2 percent from the prior day. 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 those who are already homeless and not to avoid adding to those numbers with even a single eviction.

SB 3 would extend protections from eviction 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 SB 3. 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 "Jacques Corriveau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Chair, State Government Affairs Committee  
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cc: AAP Leadership