

June 19, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 712 (Portantino) – Personal Micromobility Devices – As amended June 12, 2023 - Support

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the members of the California Apartment Association, I am writing to extend CAA's support for SB 712, your bill that allows a tenant to store inside their residential rental unit a personal micromobility device (such as an e-bike or e-scooter) so long as the device meets specific standards.

We appreciate your working with us to ensure that a micromobility device, which is stored in the residential rental unit, must include approved batteries. This requirement will help to ensure that the building and tenants are safe from a potential fire, which fire can be caused by device batteries that are not certified. In addition to the June 12 amendments, we also appreciate your agreeing to include additional language to clarify that a device, which does not include an approved battery, can be stored in the rental unit so long as the tenant maintains insurance and the device is not plugged in and charged inside the unit.

The California Apartment Association is the largest statewide rental housing trade association in the country, representing over 50,000 single family and multi-family apartment owners and property managers who are responsible for over 2 million affordable and market rental units throughout the State of California. Thank you for your work on this measure.

Sincerely,

CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION



By
Debra Carlton, Executive Vice President
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cc: Assembly Judiciary Committee