



March 24, 2023

The Honorable Bob Archuleta
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6620
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Kelly Seyarto
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7120
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 602 (Archuleta) – Trespass – Support

Dear Senators Archuleta and Seyarto:

On behalf of the members of the California Apartment Association (CAA), I extend to you CAA's support for SB 602, your bill that would among other things extend the timeframe for trespass authorization letters (also known as 602 letters) for a period of not more than 3 years when the premises or property is closed to the public and posted as being closed. The bill would authorize local governments to accept electronic submissions of requests for peace officer assistance.

Property owners have experienced an unprecedented number of break-ins at property that is shuttered (typically the retail space in a mixed-use building) or where repairs are being made at a property. When asked to leave, individuals who break in often refuse to leave and attempt (sometimes successfully) to persuade local law enforcement that they are authorized occupants, which, of course, is not true. They often cause considerable damage to the property with graffiti and theft or destruction of building materials. Trespass letters are extremely helpful in these situations. By elevating awareness of these letters and extending the timeframe for their use, SB 602 will be extremely helpful to property owners.

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 important measure.

Sincerely,

CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

By
Debra Carlton, Executive Vice President
State Public Affairs & Compliance

cc: Senate Public Safety Committee