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Hon. Senator Dave Cortese, Chair
Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SUPPORT SB 657 (Ochoa Bogh) as introduced Feb. 19, 2021

Dear Senator Cortese,

Livable California, a nonprofit that advocates for truly affordable housing, self-determination of local government, and protecting equity and livability, **strongly supports SB 657**.

SB 657 is a simple change to employment law that would authorize an employee working from home to receive legally required notices and postings electronically and sign or acknowledge certain documents electronically.

Livable California strongly supports teleworking and broadband expansion. We have seen major benefits of teleworking during the pandemic and expect teleworking to continue to be a popular alternative for employees, long after the pandemic is over.

Teleworking allows people more choice of location and lifestyle. It provides geographic and economic equity to communities across California that have, until now, not been able to participate in the economic benefits of the high-cost over-concentrated urban centers.

It also helps mitigate the housing affordability crisis as people choose locations with lower housing costs and we have seen rents in dense urban centers like San Francisco fall.

We welcome changes that facilitate teleworking and thus strongly support SB 657.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of Livable California

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Hall", written over a horizontal line.

Rick Hall, President

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Carey White, Member

Isaiah Madison, Member

cc: Senator Ochoa Bogh

