**SAMPLE LETTER – IDEAS FOR WRITING YOUR OWN LETTER**

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California Tax Credit Allocation Committee

915 Capitol Mall, Room 485

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: California Tax Credit Allocation Committee – Proposed Regulation Changes**

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for the chance to submit comments on proposed changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Regulations. I am writing *[on behalf of Organization Name]* to ask you NOT to cut accessibility requirements in TCAC projects. Please don’t reduce the requirements for fully accessible units generally (Section 10325(f)(7)(K) or the requirements for fully accessible units in senior projects. (Section (10325(g)(2)(B)).

*[****Sample Language for Organization****: Describe your group’s work on housing and disability issues. If your group has worked with people with disabilities looking for accessible, affordable housing, please describe that work.]*

*[****Sample Language for Individuals****: Explain your interest and connection to affordable, accessible housing. Describe how the lack of accessible housing affects you and people with disabilities that you know. Talk about any experiences you have trying to find affordable, accessible housing and what it means to you.]*

TCAC has been a leader in addressing the accessibility gap, but the proposed changes set the whole state back. People with disabilities need affordable housing that is accessible. Without this, they can’t live independently and are stuck in institutions. California’s housing stock already falls far short of its accessible affordable housing needs. Many individuals with disabilities are homeless because of the lack of accessible units. TCAC’s proposed cuts would devastate Californians with disabilities in need of accessible affordable housing.

I fully support the comments submitted by Disability Rights California. I urge the Committee to vote against these accessibility changes. Please consider the great need for affordable, accessible housing. These changes will have disastrous effects on our clients/people like me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*[Insert your name]*

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