

# HOUSING KILLERS AND CREATORS

California Building Industry Association

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## **California Building Industry Association Identifies AB 1548 as A Housing Killer** *Measure Gives Sweeping Power to Local Government to Add Costs to Home Construction*

Sacramento, CA – The [California Building Industry Association](https://www.cbiamn.org/) (CBIA) has identified AB 1548, authored by Assemblymember Gail Pellerin, as a Housing Killer. This measure creates a new unelected regional governmental authority with sweeping power to impose taxes, fees, and assessments – including on the construction of new housing – without sufficient accountability to the communities it would affect.

CBIA advocates for policies that make it easier and more affordable to build homes and opposes proposals that impose new costs, delays, and regulatory barriers on housing production. The organization is flagging AB 1548 due to the significant new costs it could add to home construction, which will further decrease housing supply, increase housing costs, and limit access to safe and affordable housing for all Californians.

The region encompassing San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties is already among the least affordable in the state. Working families across these communities are struggling under the weight of extreme housing costs, with many forced into hidden homelessness – an alarming and growing crisis. Hidden homelessness includes families living in overcrowded conditions, garages, motels, or doubling up with other households simply to avoid living on the streets. In Monterey County alone, thousands of families are living in these precarious conditions, and approximately 16% of public school students have experienced homelessness – clear evidence of the depth and severity of the region’s housing instability.

“AB 1548 moves California in the wrong direction by empowering a new regional entity to layer additional costs onto housing, ultimately making it more difficult and expensive to build the homes California’s working families so desperately need,” said **Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of CBIA**. “These added costs will inevitably be passed on to renters and homebuyers, further exacerbating affordability challenges and pushing more working families into housing insecurity. At a time when California faces a well-documented housing shortage, the state should be removing barriers to housing production – not creating new ones.”

### **About the California Building Industry Association**

The [California Building Industry Association](https://www.cbiamn.org/) is a statewide trade association based in Sacramento representing thousands of member companies including homebuilders, trade contractors, architects,

engineers, designers, suppliers, and industry professionals in the homebuilding, multi-family, and mixed-use development markets. CBIA members build nearly 9 out of 10 new housing units in California, including charity homes, legally defined affordable housing, middle-class market-rate housing, and luxury homes.

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