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The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo  
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## RE: Support for SB 346 (Durazo) – Short-Term Rental Facilitator Act of 2025

Dear Senator Durazo,

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of SB 346 (Durazo), which would authorize local governments to require short-term rental facilitators (e.g. Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway) to provide essential information about listed properties to enforce local ordinances and ensure proper collection of Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT). This bill is needed because while local jurisdictions like the County of Marin possess information about licensed hosts, information about unlicensed rentals is not easy to obtain.

In Marin County, short-term rentals in unincorporated areas are predominately located in West Marin, where visitor demand intersects with working agricultural and environmentally sensitive coastal lands. Recognizing both the economic importance of tourism and the need to preserve housing for the local workforce that serves our visitors and sustains our agricultural economy, our Board undertook an extensive, multi-year process to adopt a comprehensive Short-Term Rental Ordinance for West Marin. This ordinance, which was formally certified by the California Coastal Commission in 2024, establishes a framework to balance visitor accommodations with the housing needs of residents.

Enforcement is critical to the goals of this effort – and a core challenge in enforcing our ordinance is the lack of transparency from short-term rental hosting platforms. Companies such as Airbnb and VRBO hold critical data on property addresses, licensing, and tax compliance but have historically resisted providing it to local governments. Without this information, counties face significant obstacles in ensuring that operators are licensed, in verifying that taxes are accurately remitted, and in maintaining the housing protections intended by local ordinances.

SB 346 provides a solution by ensuring that, where a local ordinance is adopted, short-term rental facilitators must provide accurate property information, display local license numbers, and comply with TOT. The bill will support our ability to uphold the goals of our short-term rental ordinance and protect limited housing stock in West Marin, while still allowing for a thriving, well-regulated visitor economy.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mary Sackett, President  
Marin County Board of Supervisors

CC: Marin County Board of Supervisors  
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