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Washington Multi-Family Housing Association Responds to Governor Ferguson's Signing of EHB1217

(Renton, Wash.) – “Governor Ferguson’s decision to sign EHB 1217 into law is deeply disappointing and sends the wrong message to housing providers across Washington.

“Despite months of outreach and engagement, the concerns of WMFHA members—who operate and maintain thousands of rental homes across the state— were not fully addressed. This bill adds new regulatory uncertainty at a time when the industry is already grappling with rising costs, labor shortages, and shifting economic conditions.

“Our members want to be part of the solution to Washington’s housing crisis. But laws like EHB 1217 make it harder to continue operating here, and harder to attract capital. That’s bad for renters, who ultimately bear the brunt when policies discourage housing investment and drive supply even lower.

“WMFHA will continue to work with lawmakers and the public to oppose harmful policies and push for real solutions that prioritize housing production, predictability, and long-term affordability.”

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About the Washington Multi-Family Housing Association

Washington Multi-Family Housing Association (WMFHA) is Washington’s trusted rental housing resource, representing over 2,400 properties, 350,000 units and tens of thousands of Washington state employees in the multifamily housing industry. An affiliate of National Apartment Association, we are committed to advocating for legislation equitable to our industry and the community, providing educational opportunities to promote career development, and celebrating and supporting the multi-family housing industry. For more information, visit our website at <https://www.wmfha.org>.