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Assemblyman Mike Morrell
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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RE: Support for AB 1788

Dear Assemblyman Morrell,

I am writing to express my strong support for your Assembly Bill 1788.

AB 1788 would uphold that intentions of Proposition 4, which provides religious, hospital, and charitable organizations with a property tax exemption. Current law does not provide this exemption until construction of a building has physically begun. In the following years since the passage of Prop 4, fees and requirements have increased, delaying construction projects. These organizations, which operate solely in the public's interest, are being taxed in spite of the intentions of Prop 4.

AB 1788 alleviates the financial burden placed on these organizations by extending the existing exemption to the time between filing a building permit and beginning construction. This simple extension will allow organizations operating for the public good to focus their resources on the services they provide our communities on a daily basis.

For the reasons stated I am in support of AB 1788. Thank you for introducing this helpful measure.

Sincerely,

GEORGE RUNNER