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Honorable Jerry Hill
California State Assembly, Room 5035
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: **SB 1465 (SUPPORT)**

Dear Senator Hill:

I am writing to you on behalf of the California News Publishers Association to express the Association's support for your SB 1465, as proposed to be amended, which would require contractors to report certain construction defect settlements over \$1 million to the Contractors State License Board within 90 days of the date that the licensee has knowledge of the final judgement. It also requires insurers to report final settlements to CSLB within 30 days.

The need for this bill was highlighted by the tragic balcony collapse in Berkeley in 2015. Soon after the incident, news organizations reported that the company that constructed the apartment complex had paid \$26.5 million in construction defect lawsuit settlements in the three years before the Berkeley balcony gave way.

Currently, the state does not collect information on the legal settlements negotiated by contractors. By requiring contractors to report this information, SB 1465 will improve oversight of their operations, assist the public in identifying structures that may be unsafe, and help root out contractors who exhibit a pattern of defective constructions.

We applaud your efforts to promote transparency and we look forward to working with you to obtain the governor's signature on SB 1465.

Sincerely,

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