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## **Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH)**

The Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH) would like to thank the California Energy Commission (CEC) for the opportunity to comment on the implementation of the CalSHAPE program.

We have worked with you since AB 841 was approved and through the creation of the CalSHAPE program representing the school user perspective, and we appreciate your openness to our concerns. In particular, our members appreciated your participation in our workshop early on to share what you knew at the time about program implementation, as well as your staff's willingness to work with us.

CASH's specific comment at this time is related to the item the CEC is considering related to the requirement for 25% of CalSHAPE projects be in underserved communities. While we understand the program goals of this provision, it prevents all schools in California from taking advantage of the program. We understand this is a complicated matter regarding funding and statute, but we believe it is important to move toward a program where all schools can participate in this program, including underserved schools whose need for improved HVAC systems is significant.

CASH looks forward to working with the CEC to improve the CalSHAPE program for Rounds 2 and 3. More broadly, we believe a move toward universal access to CalSHAPE is vital if it is to become a key school IAQ program and key part of California's sustainable infrastructure as per Commissioner McAllister's opening comments at the workshop. CASH looks forward to working with you.