



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

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The Honorable Jerry McNerney
2265 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 4719 – COMPLI Act

Dear Congressman McNerney:

On behalf of the more than 183,000 members of the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) I am writing to express our **SUPPORT** for H.R. 4719, the COMPLI Act. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), was created to provide special access rules for public accommodations to ensure these areas are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Unfortunately, some professional litigants and lawyers visit older buildings or facilities in order to identify technical violations of access codes and file lawsuits without providing advance notification or giving the property owners a chance to remedy the violations. H.R. 4719 balances the needs of both property owners and the Americans with disabilities.

H.R. 4719 protects the rights of people covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and property owners by providing clear direction on how to proceed with an ADA violation. H.R. 4719's simple and clear requirement that a written notice be provided to a property owner or operator will ensure that correction of the ADA violation will be addressed within a specific codified timeframe.

Once receiving notice, the property owner or operator would have 15 days to agree to correct the violation. Most importantly, it then allows a 90 day window for the property owner or operator to make the necessary fixes.

Thank you again for introducing H.R. 4719, C.A.R. would be happy to speak with you further about this or any other issues surrounding how we may work together to pass H.R. 4719. Please contact C.A.R.'s Federal Government Affairs Manager, Matt Roberts at matthewr@car.org or 213-739-8284.

Sincerely,

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2016 President, California Association of REALTORS®

Cc: National Association of REALTORS®

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