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Dear SCAG staffers:

I am sending this email with attached written comments, as suggested during your July 6, 2022, Zoom meeting on the RHNA reform process. I attended the zoom meeting in the virtual Room #1 discussion of Regional Determination. At the conclusion of the meeting I asked how to submit written comments, and was given the email above. Please find attached my letter to the State Auditor that I sent detailing some of the problems with the RHNA process and the 6th cycle in particular. My cover letter to the auditor provides biographical information about me. My expose, which appeared in edited form in our local online newspaper, drew a large response, so I hope you find this useful. I have many more technical comments about the lack of conceptual clarity in the 6th RHNA cycle, so I will send them along.

On another note, in the slide packet prepared for the July 6 meeting, I found this text:

AB 101 (2019) requires the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to “develop a recommended improved RHNA allocation process and methodology that promotes and streamlines housing development and substantially addresses California’s housing shortage.”

I have searched the final version of this bill, and I cannot find this quote or anything about RNHA in the bill's language. What am I missing here?

Thank you for all your work on RHNA reform, it is a critical issue and I hope that the state legislature and bureaucracy can be moved to address the problems you are identifying.

Regards,

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