**SAMPLE NONPROFIT LETTER**

<Date>

<Recipient Name>
<Title>
<Address>
<City/Zip Code> or <email>

Dear <insert name>,

Homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis in California with an estimated 172,000 unhoused individuals and countless others who are struggling to stay housed. Right now, the state lacks a comprehensive and accountable plan to address this crisis effectively and equitably.

To make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused, California’s counties have come together to develop the [**AT HOME Plan**](https://www.counties.org/home-plan). This six-pillar nonpartisan framework is designed to make true progress to effectively address homelessness at every level – state, local and federal.

Our first priority is the “A” in AT HOME: **ACCOUNTABILTY.**

Accountability is the foundation for the entire AT HOME Plan. To that end, we are building a coalition of committed local governments, organizations, businesses and individuals who believe in the urgent need for system change around homelessness. Until a framework of accountability is developed, we will all continue to fail to alleviate homelessness in our communities.

**What does the AT HOME Coalition mean by “ACCOUNTABILITY?”**

* Clearly defined city, county and state roles and responsibilities making it clear which level of government is responsible for what.
* Collaboration and coordination between the state, counties, cities and community organizations countywide or regional plans that include measurable goals and outcomes.
* Funding tied to results to ensure participating local governments adhere to clearly defined roles, such as for siting housing, providing supportive services, encampment outreach and prevention.
* Funded entities may be held accountable for goals and outcomes only to the extent that sufficient funding is available for the reasonable costs to achieve those goals.

I urge you and your organization to join the AT HOME Coalition for Accountability to support clear accountability for all levels of government on homelessness. Public charities and nonprofit organizations are permitted to engage in lobbying activity, such as joining the AT HOME Coalition for Accountability as long as such activity is not a “substantial part” of its activities. Organizations joining the coalition are not required to engage in direct lobbying or expend funds on the effort, but should your organization wish to publicly communicate an endorsement or directly lobby, it is advisable to consult your legal counsel in advance of doing so to remain within any applicable state and federal lobbying parameters.

We are asking you to join us to support system change and create a comprehensive and data-driven plan that includes measurable outcomes and accountability for all levels of government on homelessness – and **we must do it together**.

Sincerely,

<Name>
<Title>
<Contact Information>

See next page for AT HOME Coalition for Accountability resources

[Join the AT HOME Coalition for Accountability](https://www.counties.org/californians-homelessness-accountability)

[AT HOME Coalition for Accountability Fact Sheet](https://www.counties.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/csac_accountability_coaltion_fact_sheet.pdf?1681921979)

[Learn more about the AT HOME Plan](https://www.counties.org/home-plan)