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Testimony in Support of SB 396

Senators Leone, Linares, Representatives Tong, Alberts and distinguished members of the Banks committee. I want to thank you for raising SB 396 for a public hearing.

This committee has been instrumental in allowing homeowners to stay in their homes through the development and passage of the foreclosure mediation program in 2008. This program benefits both the borrower and the lender. By working together, the parties are often able to reach an agreement. Through 2012, over 9,313 borrowers reached an agreement to stay in their homes, 7,732 negotiated mortgage modifications and lastly 7,044 reached an agreement to leave their homes.

Homeowners need your assistance once again. SB396 provides that help by allowing those 17,000 homeowners previously mentioned, the possibility of refinancing or gaining the ability for cheaper credit by requiring credit reporting agencies to report the customer in good standing if they have made their mortgage payments on time for three years after completing the mediation program.

Currently, borrowers that have met these requirements may still have a credit report that is contradictory to the outcome of the mediation program.

Thank you for your positive consideration.