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Proposed Federal Tax Reform Bill is Positive Step for East Bay Homeowners

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Pleasanton, California (May 13, 2025) – Home buyers and sellers across the San Francisco Bay Area may soon see meaningful financial relief, thanks to proposed changes in federal tax law that could ease the cost of owning and investing in property.

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) is advocating for key provisions in a tax reform bill now under review by the House Ways and Means Committee. These include increases to the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction cap, as well as protections for the mortgage interest deduction and 1031 like-kind exchange – items that have long supported homeownership and reinvestment in real estate.

Since 2017, the SALT deduction cap has been limited to \$10,000, a threshold that has disproportionately affected homeowners in high-cost areas like Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

With property taxes and state income taxes routinely exceeding that cap, many residents have faced higher federal tax bills despite already high living costs.

“Raising the SALT deduction cap would provide truly meaningful tax relief to thousands of local homeowners,” said Tracey Esling, President of the Bay East Association of REALTORS®. “For families trying to manage rising housing, insurance, and maintenance costs, this change could make a real difference in monthly budgets and long-term stability.”

In addition to relief for current homeowners, the proposed reforms help maintain incentives for future buyers and sellers. The preservation of the mortgage interest deduction supports affordability, while the 1031 like-kind exchange provision encourages reinvestment – vital in a market where housing inventory remains tight.

“These protections strengthen the foundation of our housing market,” Esling added. “They’re not just about tax benefits, but about supporting the dream of homeownership in one of the most competitive regions in the country.”

Bay Area residents are encouraged to stay informed and contact their elected representatives to support legislation that protects homeownership and builds stronger communities.

About the Bay East Association of REALTORS®

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