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TO: Vendor Representative or Prospective Landlord

RE: Renting an apartment to a University of California, Santa Cruz International Student without a Social Security Number

University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) International Student Services and Programs (ISSP), provides this letter to all international students applying for off-campus housing as a supplemental support and letter of explanation.

Understandably many landlords have concerns about a prospective tenant's financial solvency and therefore request a Social Security Number to run a credit check. However, due to Social Security Administration regulations governing the issuance of Social Security Numbers to nonimmigrants, students in F-1 or J-1 visa status are only allowed to receive Social Security Numbers if they have proof of on-campus employment or off-campus work authorization from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Many UCSC international students have been in the United States for a very short period of time and do not have such employment. Therefore, they are not eligible for Social Security Numbers. Furthermore, most international students are new to the U.S. and so do not yet have a U.S. credit history.

However, an international student admitted to UCSC has proven their financial support to UCSC and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of State (DOS) as part of the visa issuance process. **For the 2023/2024 academic year, UCSC has estimated living expenses at approximately \$25,700 for undergraduates and \$33,200 for graduate students.**

An international student may demonstrate their financial resources by providing all the following materials to a prospective landlord:

1. This letter from the University of California Santa Cruz's International Student Services and Programs (ISSP) office.
2. *A financial statement* of personal or sponsor's funds demonstrating money to cover one year of program tuition and living expenses. The approximate estimates are as follows:
 - Undergraduate programs: \$73,551
 - Graduate programs: \$63,085
3. *Letter of acceptance* from University of California Santa Cruz

International Student Services and Programs (ISSP) asks for you to accept this as verification of financial support and to give positive consideration to an international student's rental application.

Sincerely,

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