

June 29, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Skinner Chair. Senate Public Safety Committee California State Capitol Room Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 516 (Chiu) Authority to Remove Vehicles. Notice of Opposition (as amended June 18, 2019)

Dear Senator Skinner

Marin Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) opposes AB 516. The measure eliminates the ability to cities and law enforcement to enforce state and local vehicle violations. The bill proposes to delay for another 10 days currently authorized removal of a vehicle already parked or left standing 72 hours or more in violation of law. It prohibits removing or immobilizing vehicles with 5 unpaid parking tickets. The bill does not consider the very low payment plans offered by recently chaptered bills bills AB 503 (2017) and AB 2544 (2018) to accommodate frequent violators who have economic challenges.

Removal of vehicles is a key element in protection of the right of way for access and use by all and creates potential safety hazards by compromising emergency and safety response vehicle access. Residential neighborhoods and major business corridors already struggle with limited parking spaces and will continue to struggle as communities densify, making parking enforcement much more essential

MCCMC Opposes AB 516

Respectfully,

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