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Senator Dave Cortese
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State Capitol, Room 405
Sacramento, CA 95814

CC: Senators Roger W. Niello, Benjamin Allen, Bob Archuleta, Josh Becker, Catherine Blakespear, Brian Dahle, Bill Dodd, Lena A. Gonzalez, Monique Limón, Josh Newman, Janet Nguyen, Anthony J. Portantino, Kelly Seyarto, Thomas J. Umberg, and Committee Chief Consultant Randy Chinn

RE: Senate Bill 961 - Notice of Opposition, As Introduced 1/23/24

Dear Senator Cortese,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our opposition against Senate Bill 961, which would require certain vehicles built in or after 2027 to be equipped with an intelligent speed limiter that would limit the speed of the vehicle to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit.

Our organization appreciates the intent behind this bill, as the legislation aims to tackle the serious issue of reckless driving and the rise of vehicle fatalities in California. Over the last few years our organization has consistently advocated for practical measures to address the uptick in sideshows, reckless driving, and street racing in our communities. However, CCCA feels these issues ought to be tackled by working alongside our local law enforcement agencies and implementing penalties that discourage individuals from participating in such dangerous activities, rather than imposing manufacturing requirements on vehicles and limiting driver autonomy, which we worry could have unintended consequences on driver safety. The statewide requirement in SB 961 would be the first of its kind in the United States and is an enormous leap in size and scope from other similar efforts in which cities or counties are testing out speed governors in their local vehicle fleets.

CCCA represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our opposition against SB 961.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director