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Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 476 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 476 (González), which enhances enforcement against copper wire theft.

Copper wire theft is a serious issue for many municipalities across the State of California. Cities have spent a significant amount of resources on enforcement and repairs to their infrastructure as a result of the theft. AB 476 directly responds to this issue, strengthening theft prevention and enforcement by increasing fines for recycling, purchasing or selling scrap metal from public infrastructure. CCCA applauds Assemblymember González for his leadership in addressing this pervasive problem that has placed a significant financial burden on cities. The fines for stealing scrap metal from public infrastructure ought to reflect the large cost and impact on communities.

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 support of AB 476.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee