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March 12, 2026

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

RE: Assembly Bill 1546 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 1546, which heightens criminal penalties for driving under the influence (DUI), particularly for repeat offenders.

Over the past decade, nearly [40,000 Californians](#) have lost their lives in roadway collisions, many of which are caused by drunk drivers with a documented history of dangerous conduct. By lengthening license revocations for DUI offenses, strengthening the punishment for repeat offenders, and expanding ignition interlock requirements, AB 1546 will go a long way in holding the most dangerous motorists accountable for reckless driving. Through a thoughtful, graduated structure, AB 1546 will balance prevention measures and penalties in a way that reflects the severity of repeated violations. We applaud Assemblymember Schultz for his continued leadership on this critical public safety issue.

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 1546.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee