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April 13, 2026

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

RE: Assembly Bill 1941 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 1941, which strengthens the state's response to organized metal theft by creating new criminal penalties and improving information-sharing between law enforcement and the State.

In recent years, metal theft has become an urgent issue for cities across California, leaving infrastructure such as streetlights, electrical lines, and communications systems vulnerable to costly damage and disruptions. AB 1941 addresses this problem by carving out new penalties for repeat and organized offenders who steal and resell high-value materials such as copper wire from local infrastructure. The measure would also establish a statewide information-sharing system through the Department of Justice, allowing local law enforcement and other public agencies better assess the organized theft operations taking place statewide and collaboratively tackle local crimes. We applaud Assemblymember González for advancing a measure that builds upon AB 476, legislation he championed last year, and would help give our member cities more tools to protect the critical infrastructure their communities rely upon.

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 1941.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations