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

Re: Assembly Bill 2349 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wicks:

On behalf of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA), representing 84 cities across Southern California, I am pleased to express our strong support for AB 2349, which would establish a statewide network of Air Quality Incident Response Centers in partnership with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and local air districts.

Our member cities are on the frontlines of protecting public health and safety during emergencies. In recent years, communities across California have faced a growing number of disasters that severely impact air quality, including major wildfires, industrial incidents, and infrastructure failures. AB 2349 provides a thoughtful and necessary framework to strengthen California's emergency response infrastructure. By creating a regional network of Air Quality Incident Response Centers, the bill would enable rapid deployment of monitoring equipment and technical expertise where it is needed most. Just as importantly, it would ensure that local governments, first responders, and public health officials have access to timely, reliable, and localized air quality data to inform critical decisions during emergencies.

AB 2349 represents a critical step forward in modernizing California's approach to emergency air quality monitoring and response. It will strengthen our collective ability to protect public health, improve real-time decision-making, and enhance resilience in the face of increasingly frequent and severe disasters.

For these reasons, the California Contract Cities Association respectfully urges your "AYE" vote on AB 2349.

Sincerely,

Marcel Rodarte  
Executive Director  
California Contract Cities Association