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April 21, 2026

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

RE: Assembly Bill 2529 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 2529, which requires that a claim presented to a public entity under the Government Claims Act be signed by the claimant or by some person on the claimant's behalf declaring that the contents of the claim are truthful.

Under existing law, claims filed against a public entity or its employees must be signed by the claimant. AB 2529 would add a new layer of accountability to this process by requiring that claimants sign a formal declaration affirming that the information contained in their claim is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. This added safeguard will discourage the presentation of frivolous or otherwise bad-faith claims, and ultimately help to reduce cities' litigation costs. As written, AB 2529 is a commonsense measure that will improve claim screening, protect limited local resources, and strengthen cities' legal position.

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 2529.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations