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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1605 (Ting)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 1605, which authorizes the City and County of San Francisco to establish a reservation and pricing pilot program for vehicles that use the "Crooked Street."

Drivers already pay to drive on local roads through the gas tax. The Legislature recently enacted a \$5.2 billion annual fuel and vehicle tax increase to fund highway and local roads. This bill forces motorists to pay again for using the same infrastructure. The Legislature enacted the current ban on local road tolling as a promise to voters for approving a gas tax increase in 1990. Voters were told that a gas tax increase and local road tolls were mutually exclusive--approve one and the Legislature would ban the other.

Moreover, this measure carries an unintended consequence in that it creates a precedent for breaking with the history of providing public access to California's roads and highways except in certain circumstances (ie private roads or when a public agency decides to close a public road to all traffic).

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader