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

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1413 (Gloria)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 1413, which would allow certain counties to pass local sales taxes in certain sub-regions of their counties.

Simply stated, California has been derelict in its duty to provide investments for infrastructure to meet the needs of its growing population. It is a sad reflection of the desperation for state investment that every year there are a handful of measures before the legislature seeking to make it easier for local voters to impose additional taxes on themselves to address the state's failures.

What these efforts seem to ignore is that this is a statewide problem that merits a statewide solution. Making it easier to pass another regressive sales tax in these communities may be a short-term stopgap, but it will also cripple working families and pass on the state's responsibilities to local motorists who are already paying significantly more for gas than their peers in any other state in America.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader