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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
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RE: Recommended Veto of AB 142 (Garcia)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 142, which repeals the existing sunset date on the tax paid by manufacturers of vehicle batteries, and increases the tax from \$1 to \$2 on manufacturers of lead-acid batteries sold at retail beginning April 1, 2022.

While the bill would prioritize this tax revenue to fund contamination cleanup, it is inappropriate to pass another tax on Californians at a time when the state is sitting on a \$20 billion budget surplus. Instead of nickel and diming hardworking Californians with these costs, we should dedicate a portion of our budget reserve to pay for crucial contamination cleanup, which is clearly in the public interest.

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