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Honorable Luis Alejo
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 60 Endorsement

Dear Assembly Member Alejo:

I would like to extend my support of Assembly Bill 60. I understand the California Police Chiefs Association (Cal Chiefs) has also supported this bill. I am a member of Cal Chiefs and also serve as the police chief in Gilroy, CA. As you know, Gilroy has a very diverse population, with over 51% of our population being Hispanic.

Through a series of meetings with staff from the ACLU, CARAS and SIREN, the Gilroy Police Department has modified its impound and towing policies. We believe these changes will better meet the needs of our community and remain consistent with our overall traffic safety goals.

The one change that is truly needed is for the State to provide a mechanism to issue drivers licenses to all people who are qualified to drive. The issuance of licenses would be very beneficial to our community and public safety. I completely support this proposed legislation and recommend that Cal Chiefs proposed "Amendment 3" in their letter dated May 3, 2013, be dropped. I do not support a Driver's License that would differentiate the individual's status over any other licensed driver.

Thank you for your diligent efforts on passing this landmark legislation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Denise.Turner@cityofgilroy.org or (408) 846-0310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise J. Turner".

Denise J. Turner, Chief of Police