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September 14, 2021

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

RE: Recommended Veto of SB 339 (Wiener)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Senate Bill 339, which extends the life of the California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee, which is tasked with assessing the viability of implementing an alternative transportation funding system to the gas tax based on vehicle-miles traveled.

There can be little doubt that the state transportation system, and the gas tax that supports it, are fundamentally broken. However, the transition to a vehicle-miles travelled approach will exacerbate the inequities in the transportation system.

As long as we fail to build housing in adequate supplies to house our workforce near their jobs, then the working poor are still going to be paying far more in vehicle-miles traveled fees than their wealthy counterparts. This is fundamentally unfair and targets those who can least afford to pay the fee.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto. If you have any questions about my request, please call my office at 916-651-4021 or email me at [Senator.Wilk@senate.ca.gov](mailto:Senator.Wilk@senate.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Wilk".

Scott Wilk  
Senate Republican Leader