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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for Veto of SB 961 (Wiener)

Dear Governor Newsom:

We are requesting your veto of Senate Bill 961, a proposal to require every vehicle sold in California to be equipped with a so-called "passive intelligent speed assistance system."

This bill imposes an extreme burden on the majority of responsible drivers by legislating a solution to a problem caused by a minority of reckless drivers.

Dangerous drivers must be held accountable to ensure our roads are safe. While the author claims that mandating passive intelligent speed assistance technology in all passenger vehicles is the solution to the state's traffic safety crisis, the real focus should be on increasing law enforcement presence in our communities and appropriately punishing those who blatantly disregard traffic laws.

We strongly urge you to veto the overly prescriptive SB 961 and focus on more effective measures to enhance road safety.

Sincerely,

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