



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

August 17, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
California State Senate, 25th District
1021 O. St, Suite 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1079 (Portantino) Vehicles: sound-activated enforcement devices.
City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to inform you of our **SUPPORT** for SB 1079, your measure to require the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to evaluate the efficacy of sound-activated enforcement devices by evaluating devices from at least three different companies. This measure can help develop important tools that the public can utilize to help detect and reduce excessively loud vehicle exhaust noise.

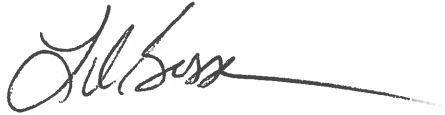
While current law limits vehicle exhaust noise to ninety-five decibels, there is no universal means to monitor and enforce this law. Vehicle owners can easily buy and install new exhaust systems or make other modifications to their vehicle that will change the level of sound. This excessive noise can be harmful to the public, especially when walking or cycling on a street.

Under SB 1079, the CHP must submit its findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2025. The report must include recommendations regarding specified topics, including, which device or devices, if any, CHP would recommend for the purpose of enforcing existing law regarding muffler and exhaust system noise levels, and the reasons for that determination.

SB 1079 includes important retention standards and privacy safeguards. The bill requires CHP to delete all videos recorded on a highway within five days of the recording, but also requires CHP to retain fifteen videos from the devices of each company evaluated for the purpose of preparing the report required by this bill and documenting the issues related to each device that helped CHP make its recommendations. CHP would also be prohibited from retaining any recording that includes audio of a person speaking, if recorded on a highway.

If CHP determines that it does not recommend any of the devices that were evaluated, the Department must list the standards and parameters that must be met by future technology. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT SB 1079 and requests an Aye vote on this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lili Bosse", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Cc: The Honorable Tom Daly, Assemblymember, 69th District
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District
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