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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

May 17, 2019

The Honorable David Chiu  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4112  
Sacramento, CA 95814

***RE: AB 516 (Chiu) Eliminating Poverty Tows - SUPPORT***

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for AB 516 (Chiu), which would prevent lower-income Californians from permanently losing their cars because of towing conducted for non-public safety reasons by local governments seeking to collect minor debts.

Lower income people suffer a devastating loss when they permanently lose their cars and lose their ability to get to work, school, and the doctor or their job, while local governments fail to recover the underlying debt.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2019 Legislative Platform that includes the Health and Human Services Legislative Principle, which states that the County will support efforts to maintain and enhance services that protect the most vulnerable within the community.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support AB 516 (Chiu). If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or [dbozanich@countyofsb.org](mailto:dbozanich@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg

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