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March 16, 2023

Jason Gibbs
Mayor

The Honorable Shannon Grove
California State Senate, District 12
1021 O Street, Room 7150
Sacramento, CA 95814

Cameron Smyth
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Grove:

SUBJECT: SB 14 (Grove): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Senate Bill 14, related to making human trafficking a serious crime and punishable under the Three Strikes Law. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on March 14, 2023.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

This critical piece of legislation will make necessary changes to state law to equip prosecutors with the ability to prosecute human trafficking to the full extent of the law.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

California has consistently been ranked at the very top in the nation with regard to the number of human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Moreover, as studies have shown that global sporting events have been a major driver of human trafficking and California is in line to host the World Cup in 2026 and the Olympics in 2028, the urgency and necessity of this legislation goes beyond the severe mental and physical harm caused by human trafficking.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 14. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,

Jason Gibbs
Mayor

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