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August 30, 2017

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Councilmember

The Honorable Marie Waldron  
California State Assembly, District 75  
State Capitol Building, Room 4130  
Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: AB 182 (WALDRON): SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Waldron:

The City of Santa Clarita is pleased to support AB 182 related to the establishment of the Heroin and Opioid Public Education (HOPE) Program.

On August 22, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support AB 182. As you well know, the rate of overdose related deaths involving opioids has significantly increased in California in the last 10 years.

In April of 2017, the City of Santa Clarita experienced eight opioid overdose related emergencies, including one death, in a 72-hour period. Additional resources were assigned to combat drug use following the events in April and the City continues to partner with law enforcement and community groups to address opioid abuse and the heroin epidemic.

Although the City and its partners have initiatives in place to educate the public on the effects of drug use, the issue of opioid abuse and heroin use is fluid across city boundaries and is a statewide problem. By implementing a public information and multimedia campaign statewide, HOPE can educate the public on the dangers of abusing prescription opioids and heroin and identify treatment services.

Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position of this bill, please feel free to contact

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Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael P. Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or [mmurphy@santa-clarita.com](mailto:mmurphy@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

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