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May 24, 2021

Bill Miranda  
Mayor

The Honorable Lena A. Gonzalez  
California State Senate, District 33  
State Capitol Building, Room 2068  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Gonzalez:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 378 (GONZALEZ): OPPOSE

Jason Gibbs  
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Senate Bill 378, related to the preemption of fiber installation on public infrastructure and within the public right-of-way. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure at the regular meeting on April 27, 2021.

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

The City recognizes the importance of efficient, reliable, and accessible internet service and wireless broadband. However, Senate Bill 378 significantly preempts the City's ability to apply careful discretion and local authority in the installation of fiber.

Cameron Smyth  
Councilmember

The City's current regulations intend to preserve the health, safety, and overall quality of life of our community, while ensuring a feasible review and processing of equipment installations in the public right-of-way, which includes micro-trenching.

Additionally, the City has experienced significant issues related to micro-trenching projects by utility and telecommunication companies, including sub-standard coverings after micro-trenching projects, resulting in exposed trenches within a short period after the utility project and leaving the surface in worse condition than before the micro-trenching project.

Furthermore, it is likely that this legislation will cause increased wear and tear on public infrastructure, including roads and pathways, as Senate Bill 378 would undoubtedly cause a significant increase in micro-trenching within



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the public right-of-way, with significant limitations on local discretion or authority.

For these reasons, the City respectfully opposes Senate Bill 378. We look forward to working with your office to address our concerns. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or [mhagobian@santa-clarita.com](mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,



William A. Miranda  
Mayor

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