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April 25, 2023

Jason Gibbs  
Mayor

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
California State Assembly, District 66  
1021 O Street, Room 5610  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Muratsuchi:

**SUBJECT: AB 1708 (MURATSUCHI): SUPPORT**

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Assembly Bill 1708, related to Proposition 47 (2014). The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on April 11, 2023.

Bill Miranda  
Councilmember

As public safety is not bound within local or regional boundaries, it is imperative that statewide measures aimed to reform criminal justice are not done at the cost of deteriorating public wellbeing and safety. With the passage of Proposition 47 (2014) and the preemption of local prosecutorial authority, many communities throughout California, including the City of Santa Clarita, experienced an increase in Part I crimes and equally alarming, an increase in repeat offenders.

Laurene Weste  
Councilmember

As recent data shows, repeat offenders, of which many are serial shoplifters or affiliated with organized shoplifting rings, were over a third of all arrests made by the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station in 2022. This legislation establishes appropriate consequences that will support local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to mitigate and deter repeat or organized shoplifting, including the shoplifting of firearms.



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For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 1708. 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](mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,



Jason Gibbs  
Mayor

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