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March 4, 2024

Cameron Smyth
Mayor

The Honorable Jim Patterson
California State Assembly, District 8
1021 O Street, Suite 4310
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill Miranda
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Patterson:

SUBJECT: AB 1804 (PATTERSON): SUPPORT

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 1804, related to reducing the weight threshold to authorize law enforcement agencies to intercept communication involving suspected parties of fentanyl sale or distribution. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on February 27, 2024.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

As you may know, more than 80,000 people died from a synthetic opioid-related drug overdose in 2021 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Based on preliminary 2022 data from the California Department of Public Health, there were 7,385 opioid-related overdose deaths and 6,473 deaths related to fentanyl overdoses.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

At the local level, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reported 32 overdoses in the Santa Clarita Valley as a result of fentanyl in 2022. This legislation is critical in supporting law enforcement agencies in their efforts to combat this deadly epidemic.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 1804. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our



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position on this bill, please contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Masis Hagobian, at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth

Mayor

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