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April 9, 2024

Cameron Smyth
Mayor

The Honorable Evan Low
California State Assembly, District 26
1021 O Street, Suite 6110
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill Miranda
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Low:

SUBJECT: AB 2814 (LOW): SUPPORT

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 2814, related to making it a crime to enter the exterior of a home with the intent to steal a package and makes the crime punishable up to a felony. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on March 26, 2024.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

As you may know, the United States Census Bureau estimates that E-commerce retail sales totaled over \$1 trillion and accounted for approximately 15.4 percent of total sales in 2023. The growing number of retail products delivered to doorsteps has resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of thieves targeting the porches, patios, and doorsteps of online shoppers.

According to SafeWise, approximately 119 million packages were stolen in 2023, accounting for \$6 billion in stolen goods. Assembly Bill 2814 establishes appropriate consequences that will support local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to apprehend and deter “porch pirates.”

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 2814. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding



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

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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