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April 22, 2025

Bill Miranda
Mayor

The Honorable Suzette Valladares
California State Senate, District 23
1021 O Street, Room 7140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 265 (VALLADARES): SUPPORT

Dear Senator Valladares:

Patsy Ayala
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 265, relating to the punishment of burglary within an area under a county or local state of emergency, also known as looting. The Santa Clarita City Council voted to support this measure on March 25, 2025.

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

We sincerely appreciate and support Senate Bill 265, as this important legislation strengthens the City of Santa Clarita's commitment to public safety, particularly in times of distress. Looting presents significant risks to public safety, diverts critical life-saving resources, and endangers residents and emergency personnel.

Marsha McLean
Councilwoman

The targeting of vulnerable populations through theft during times of emergency should result in prosecution to the full extent of the law. This legislation establishes appropriate consequences to combat looting and in doing so, better protects California communities.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 265. 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@santaclarita.gov.

Sincerely,

Bill Miranda
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