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DATE

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer

Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee

Legislative Office Building

1020 N Street, Room 111

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE:** **AB 1708 (Muratsuchi) Theft.**

**Notice of SUPPORT** *(As Amended 3/9/23)*

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer,

The City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is pleased to support AB 1708 (Muratsuchi). This measure would increase accountability for repeat theft offenders and offer pathways for pre-plea diversion programming. If passed, the bill would send the issue to the voters for approval at the next statewide general election.

This strategy is one of many supported by cities to address crime and its underlying causes. We remain committed to improving California’s carceral systems, interrupting and ending cycles of recidivism, and building a community-based system of care that appropriately meets the needs of all community members.

Proposition 47 of 2014 made promises of safe neighborhoods, but the unintended consequences that followed have provided anything but. According to a February 2023 study conducted by the Public Policy Institute of California, a strong majority of Californians worry they or a family member will be a victim of a crime (21% very, 44% somewhat). This is the sentiment being felt by residents of cities throughout the state.

**PLEASE CITE HOW YOUR CITY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS BILL HERE.**

Our communities deserve better, and cities are more than ready to find solutions that fix Proposition 47.

The City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is keenly interested in exploring additional strategies to address the impacts of crime in our communities. This includes resources to improve community safety through prevention and early intervention programming, as well as improved re-entry service provision for our formerly incarcerated community members. While these provisions have historically been the responsibility of state and county departments, cities are interested in increased collaboration to meet these urgent needs.

For these reasons, the City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ requests your support on AB 1708.

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

CITY/TOWN of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

cc: The Honorable Al Muratsuchi

(via email:assemblymember.muratsuchi@assembly.ca.gov)

Your Assembly Member(s) and Senator(s) (via email)

 Your Cal Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager (via email)

League of California Cities (via email: cityletters@calcities.org)