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The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5094  
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**Re: AB 516 (Chiu) – Authority to remove vehicles.  
As Amended June 18, 2019 – CONCERNS  
Set to be heard July 9, 2019 – Senate Public Safety Committee**

Dear Senator Skinner,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state's counties, writes to express its concerns about Assembly Bill 516 by Assembly Member David Chiu. This measure would limit the ability of localities to enforce state and local vehicle violations.

As amended, Assembly Bill 516 would prohibit: (1) localities from removing cars in violation of a 72-hour violation in a timely manner, allowing a car to remain unmoved for a minimum of 10 business days, or two weeks, *after* a violation has already occurred; (2) removing cars if they have five or more unpaid parking tickets or traffic violations; and, (3) the use of a boot on cars that have five or more unpaid parking tickets or traffic violations.

Parking time restrictions are a key element in localities efforts to protect the public right of way. Protection of the public right of way allows for residents to access to residential neighborhoods, government services, local businesses, and city attractions. Residential neighborhoods and major business corridors already struggle with limited parking and will continue to struggle as communities densify, making parking enforcement much more essential. Moreover, the authority to remove vehicles that are operating unlawfully for failing to register within six months is an essential enforcement tool for violation of state and local laws—as is the ability to immobilize and remove a vehicle for five or more unpaid parking or traffic violations.

CSAC is concerned that AB 516 would remove some of the necessary tools that local authorities utilize to address vehicles left on the road for 72 or more consecutive hours, vehicles with lapsed vehicle registration and having five or more delinquent parking or traffic violations. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any me regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Devencenzi', is written over a light blue circular scribble.

Jessica Devencenzi  
Legislative Representative

cc: Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly  
Members and Consultants, Senate Public Safety Committee