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The Honorable Low
California State Capitol
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2814 (Low): Crimes: unlawful entry: intent to commit package theft
Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Low:

We write today on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), a Joint Powers Authority, an association of fourteen cities of the county and the elected representatives of more than 1.8 million Bay-Area residents. Since 1990, the city representatives have been gathering to discuss and find consensus and solutions for regional issues. The cities of our association are diverse and include cities of a few thousand people and a city of a million people.

On Thursday, April 11, the CASCC Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC), voted to support Assembly Bill 2814.

With the increase in crime, city officials need additional tools to reduce crime and improve safety of our neighborhoods. With more than 80% of residents shopping online, porch piracy continues to be a big issue to our residents. The broader San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area continues to rank as number one in the country with the highest rate of package thefts.

Current California law prohibits stealing private property and packages, but there is not a punishable crime for entering the area around the home with the intent to steal. Therefore, individuals stealing packages off doorsteps face few consequences and ultimately are released to continue to victimize and steal from the community. Having said that, we also understand that combating these crimes requires the collaboration among law enforcement, lawmakers, retailers, and the community to ensure we are not solving one problem while creating another.

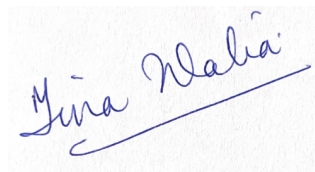
AB 2814 is a bill that will make it a crime to enter the vicinity of a home with the intent to commit theft of any shipped packages, which will strengthen California law by providing a legal method for law enforcement to charge any individual that enters someone's property and steals delivered packages. We need this change to make our communities safer.

For these reasons, the CASCC is pleased to support AB 2814.

Sincerely,

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Neysa Fligor
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara
Councilmember, City of Los Altos

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tina Walia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent underline.

Tina Walia
Chair, CASC Legislative Action Committee
Councilmember, City of Saratoga