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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 936 (Blakespear) – Nitrous Oxide: Sales – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom,

We write on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), a Joint Powers Authority representing the elected leaders of all fifteen municipalities in the county and more than 1.8 million Bay Area residents. On behalf of the Cities in Santa Clara County, the CASCC Board of Directors is pleased to offer its strong support for SB 936 and respectfully requests your signature.

SB 936 prohibits the retail sale of nitrous oxide canisters larger than eight grams and bans nitrous oxide products flavored or marketed to resemble food, while preserving legitimate medical, dental, culinary, and automotive uses.

Flavored, youth-marketed "whippet" products are a problem our member cities see firsthand, sold openly at smoke shops and convenience stores, with discarded canisters placing a growing burden on local solid waste systems. Several of our own counties and cities, including Orange, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Humboldt, have already had to act locally because the state had no uniform standard. SB 936 closes that gap while explicitly preserving legitimate culinary, medical, and automotive uses, a balance reflected in its unanimous, bipartisan passage through both houses and in its broad support, including the League of California Cities and a wide coalition of local governments, law enforcement, and public health organizations.

For these reasons, the CASCC strongly supports SB 936 and respectfully requests your signature.

Sincerely,

Tina Walia
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara
Vice Mayor, City of Saratoga

Rob Moore
Chair, Legislative Action Committee
Mayor, Town of Los Gatos



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