



July 1, 2019

The Honorable Ben Allen  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4076  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: SB 664 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Allen:

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is pleased to support Senate Bill (SB) 664 which would clarify existing law to ensure toll operators statewide can enforce toll policies and issue toll violations without weakening existing privacy protections.

SB 664 preserves the prohibition against the sale or other disclosure of personal information not connected with the operation of toll facilities and transit fare payment systems. It also reaffirms that personal information can be used for many day-to-day activities in the operation of toll facilities, such as collecting toll payments, notifying drivers about road closures and enforcing toll requirements.

Additionally, this bill is consistent with SB 1268 (Simitian, 2010) which protects the privacy of motorists in California by controlling the use of personal information that is collected and stored by electronic toll collection systems.

Toll Lanes and High Occupancy Toll Lanes are material components of regional transportation plans and sustainable community strategies throughout California, as they provide a long-term funding source for infrastructure projects and help reduce pollution.

While existing law authorizes toll agencies to share personally identifiable customer information with their contractors for enforcement and interoperability purposes, various statutes must be clarified to reflect advances in technology and business practices with respect to how tolls are collected and administered.

This bill also accommodates for the ever-increasing reliance by individuals on the internet to apply for and manage toll accounts, as well as the use of secure electronic file transfers by transportation agencies to process toll payments and enforce toll obligations against those who use toll facilities without paying the required tolls.

Without the passage of this bill, the operation of toll facilities within the State will be severely hindered by class action lawsuits that have already cost public toll agencies approximately \$5 million in legal expenses.

Further litigation would cost taxpayers billions and would also threaten the ability for agencies to use toll revenues to meet debt repayment obligations or investment in future improvements. This would also threaten hundreds of jobs allocated for these projects.

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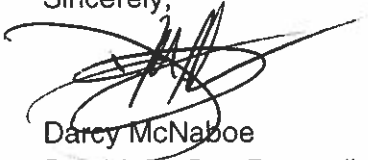
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SB 664 maintains and strengthens the protection of personal information gathered in the operation of toll facilities across California, while ensuring all state toll agencies can continue to provide faster and more reliable commutes across the State's 200 miles of Toll Roads.

For those reasons SBCTA supports SB 664. If you have any questions regarding SBCTA's position on this issue, please contact Ray Wolfe, Executive Director, or Otis Greer, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs at (909) 884-8276.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darcy McNaboe', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Darcy McNaboe  
President, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
Mayor, City of Grand Terrace

cc: San Bernardino County Delegation