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Lili Bosse, Mayor

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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 611 (Hill) Vehicles.
City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT** of **SB 611 (Hill)**, which would make reforms to the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) disabled person parking placard program. These modifications to the current placard program will help reduce fraudulent behavior while preserving important benefits for those that rely on the program.

Providing free and unlimited parking, while intended to accommodate individuals with mobility challenges, has proven to incentivize widespread abuse. Surveys conducted by the City of Sacramento and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency indicate that fraudulent placard use is a significant problem. This has resulted in both a substantial loss of parking revenue as well as a reduction in the overall availability of parking spaces.

A report released this April by the California State Auditor found that much of the abuse in this program could be alleviated through sufficient DMV oversight, and this bill implements many of the State Auditor's recommendations. Among other provisions, **SB 611 (Hill)** would change the disabled person parking placard program application process

by requiring the DMV to work with the state Medical Board to conduct application audits. It would also require program applicants to provide proof of their “true full names.”

Additionally, this bill would change both the renewal and issuance of new placard processes. Placard holders will be required to complete a form every six years in order to receive an updated placard. **SB 611 (Hill)** would also limit the number of placards the DMV may issue in a two-year period before a placard holder must reapply for a placard.

This bill will help prevent abuse while allowing the program to continue to provide important benefits to individuals with mobility challenges. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to **SUPPORT SB 611 (Hill)**. Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

Sincerely,



Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Jerry Hill, 13th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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