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Governor Jerry Brown c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for AB 1371

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABObike.org) I am communicating our support for the current legislative effort to improve safety on our public roads. We support the "Three Feet for Safety Act" bill, introduced by Assembly Member Bradford in February.

We support this bill because of our expectation that its passage could help to reduce incidences of antagonistic or clueless "buzz-backs"/scary close passing of people bicycling by people using vehicles. Passage of the bill can communicate that the State respects the right for people to choose sustainable transportation modes, including bicycling lawfully in traffic lanes. The new, clearer law will make education of bicyclists and motorists easier, encouraging more and safer bicycling.

I recommend to anyone opposing the intent of this bill - a bill that reinforces existing safe passing law in CVC 21750 - to do some, more, or any lawful bicycling in regular traffic. Sadly it doesn't take many bicycling miles to experience why people bicycling are concerned about being passed too close, too fast, too often.

Thank you for your service to California voters.

Sincerely,

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