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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 891 (Burke)—REQUEST FOR VETO**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully urge your veto of Assembly Bill 891. AB 891 (Burke), would require each county over 330,000 in population (and the state's largest cities) including Placer County to establish a safe parking program for homeless individuals and families living in their vehicles.

As you know, Placer County has unique geography and the ability to find suitable land in the unincorporated portions can be difficult. As such, it will be difficult to find land that is compatible (zoned appropriately to address security, sanitation, and access to repair of components associated with the vehicle) and can adequately serve individuals who wish to sleep/live in their vehicles. We are also concerned about the costs associated with acquiring, designating, and maintaining a parcel (or portion thereof) as well as the requirement that a minimum level of manned-security be available.

We recognize that many people throughout the state struggle to find adequate and affordable housing. Oftentimes, the only option available to these persons is to reside in their vehicle. However, mandating certain municipalities, particularly counties over 330,000 in population, to provide this service without state-support or understanding the lack of an adequate compatibility arrangement is, at best, a difficult proposition for Placer County.

For these reasons, Placer County respectfully request your veto of AB 891. If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Joel Joyce (530) 889-4026 or at [jjoyce@placer.ca.gov](mailto:jjoyce@placer.ca.gov)

Thank you.

Sincerely,

County of Placer

Kirk Uhler, Chairman (District 4)  
Placer County Board of Supervisors

cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors and Shaw / Yoder / Antwih