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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Requested Veto of AB 262 (Bonta)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto AB 262 (Bonta) that requires the Department of General Services to adopt Greenhouse Gas Emission standards for materials used in public infrastructure products.

We should all support efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions, but this bill goes entirely too far in that it will needlessly delay construction of vital infrastructure projects essential to improving the quality of life for citizens around the state. Our top priority for building roads, bridges and highways should be ensuring a safe, durable and cost-effective infrastructure. Adding additional layers of requirements on subcontractors bidding on the state contracts only drives the costs up and the quality down.

Further, this bill could be a cynical attempt to grab headlines and curry favor with the environmental left. Some of the largest polluting materials were exempted from the bill, meaning that the total effectiveness of the legislation will be marginal at best. If reducing Greenhouse Gases is a priority – then let it be a priority. Exempting a few material manufacturers while roping others into this legislation is fundamentally bad public policy.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you veto SB 249. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 651-4028.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Stone".

Jeff Stone  
State Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> District