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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 SB 498 (Skinner)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto SB 498. This bill would require that 50 percent of all light-duty vehicles purchased by the state must be zero-emission vehicles by 2025, and requires the Air Resources Board to make policy recommendations for imposing similar mandates on all public and private fleets with more than 10 vehicles.

First of all, this bill is costly. Fiscal estimates show that it would cost the Department of General Services \$50 million to increase the use of zero emission vehicles to reach the 50 percent target by 2025.

Second, this bill represents another burden for small and medium size businesses to bear. This bill could unnecessarily compel private business to pursue higher ZEV fleet participation, whether it makes sense for the business or not. Most small businesses cannot afford such costs, and they will be forced to pass along those increase costs to consumers, or could force them to go bankrupt.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you veto SB 498. It is a costly and overbearing mandate that California cannot afford.

Sincerely,

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

Jeff Stone
State Senator, 28th District