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RE: AB2097 (Friedman) -- OPPOSE

Dear Governor Newsom:

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The purpose of this letter is to communicate to you our concerns about Assembly Bill 2097 (Friedman) with regard to parking requirements. We respectfully request that you return this bill to the Legislature without your signature.

This bill reputedly seeks to address California's affordable housing crisis and, apparently, to promote transit use, but it does so in a ham-fisted way that usurps local government control over important zoning laws.

Specifically, we are very concerned with the bill's provision to remove the minimum parking requirement for developments within a half-mile of public transit. The bill further provides an exemption to minimum-parking requirements for certain housing developments that have at least 20% of units set aside for very low and low income residents. There are onerous reporting and enforcement provisions in the bill as well.

Far from helping our fellow Californians who are struggling against the high cost of housing, this bill only further adds to the burden of underserved communities by removing choice and mobility from residents of developments that may fall under this law. We respectfully request that you veto this bill.

The California Asphalt Pavement Association, founded in 1953, is the oldest and largest construction trade association that focuses exclusively on the asphalt pavement industry in California. Our members include asphalt producers, refiners, paving contractors, testing labs, consultants, equipment manufacturers and many other related companies that make up the multibillion-dollar industry.

Sincerely,

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