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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol Building, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to A.B. 1332

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez,

On behalf of the City of Laguna Niguel, I am writing to express our opposition to A.B. 1332 (Bonta) – Sanctuary State Contracting and Investment Act.

A.B. 1332 would hinder the ability of public agencies to provide vital services to the public by vastly escalating the time and cost to contract, inviting litigation and creating insurmountable operational and financial challenges. This bill would significantly limit the ability for state and local agencies to cost-effectively contract for a variety of public services, create an ever-evolving blacklist of prohibited companies, and generate millions of dollars in unfunded mandates.

This measure would harm the ability of cities to meet financial regulations, curb the ability to audit, and respond to and administer programs. It would also significantly increase costs and staff workload while hindering the collection of revenue.

If this bill passes, it would do so at the expense of state and local agencies, as well as law enforcement and first responder agencies that depend on the most current and readily available technology to ensure the public's safety. All told the provisions set forth in this proposal are unworkable and the broad scope and vague definitions in this measure will have unintended consequences and impacts.

Laguna Niguel opposes legislation that creates unnecessary regulations and restricts the City's capability to choose the most cost efficient and effective form of providing essential services. As a contract city, Laguna Niguel relies heavily on its ability to contract for services with the lowest cost. For these reasons, we oppose A.B. 1332.

Yours in service to others,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Mark Jennings', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

John Mark Jennings
Mayor

cc: Members, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
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