

April 8, 2022

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino California State Senate 1021 O Street, Ste 7630 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 878, Skinner: School Transportation – SUPPORT

Joe Mosca Deputy Mayor

Dear Senator, Portantino

Kellie Shay Hinze Council Member I am writing on behalf of the City of Encinitas to express our support for SB 878: School Transportation. Guaranteeing an education for all should always be a high priority and access to transportation is one of the best ways of ensuring that all students have access to education.

Tony Kranz Council Member Provided transportation increases attendance, reduces dropout rates, and reduces stress on working parents, many of whom struggle to get their children to school. School bus transportation has the potential to reduce pedestrian deaths and injuries among students on their way to school and has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The City of Encinitas believes that an educated population has societal benefits that expand beyond the benefits of the individual. I am happy to extend support SB 878 on behalf of the City of Encinitas.

Joy Lyndes Council Member

Sincerely,

Pamela Antil City Manager

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