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The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 8120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1830 (Petrie-Norris): Ignition interlock devices – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Petrie-Norris:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we want to express our support of AB 1830, which removes the sunset date on the existing program; aligns California’s laws with the 34 other states that require IID installation for all individuals convicted of driving under the influence; and, codifies and increases California’s existing interlock ignition device financial assistance program available to offenders.

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Drunk driving continues to pose a serious and preventable threat to public safety throughout California. Six of the ten highest DUI rates in the nation are right here in California. A full third of traffic fatalities are the result of DUI-related traffic fatalities. That data is deeply concerning, but more importantly, it reflects the real and lasting harm experienced by families and communities who have lost loved ones to impaired driving. There is a clear and urgent interest in advancing effective, evidence-based solutions.

AB 1830 takes a critical step forward by expanding the use of ignition interlock devices (IIDs) to all individuals convicted of driving under the influence, including first-time offenders, and by removing the sunset date on California’s existing IID program. This is a proven, life-saving intervention. Research consistently shows that IIDs significantly reduce repeat offenses and prevent impaired driving before it occurs—helping to stop tragedies before they happen.

Importantly, this bill also strengthens and codifies California’s IID financial assistance program, ensuring that cost is not a barrier to compliance. By making this program more accessible, AB 1830 promotes equity while maintaining accountability, ensuring that all drivers—regardless of income—can participate in this effective safety measure.



Sunnyvale supports AB 1830 because it directly supports Goal SN-3 by reducing DUI-related threats to life and property through proven prevention measures. Impaired driving incidents place avoidable strain on emergency response systems and create significant community risk. Expanding IID requirements aligns with Sunnyvale's focus on preventing harm before it occurs.

In Sunnyvale, we have seen firsthand the devastating consequences of impaired driving, as well as the strain it places on emergency responders and public safety systems. Expanding the use of IIDs is a common sense, data-driven approach that aligns California with the majority of states and prioritizes prevention over punishment alone.

AB 1830 reflects a commitment to saving lives, strengthening accountability, and using proven tools to improve road safety for all Californians. For these reasons, the City of Sunnyvale proudly supports this important legislation. Thank you for your leadership on this critical public safety issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chief Daniel Pistor, Director of Public Safety at [dpistor@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:dpistor@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Klein".

Larry Klein  
Mayor

cc: Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab  
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Tim Kirby, City Manager  
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