



California New Car Dealers Association

April 14, 2010

The Honorable Alan Lowenthal
Chairman, Senate Transportation & Housing Committee
State Capitol – Room 2032
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: SB 1418 (Wiggins) – Local Call Box Registration Fee Increases
Position: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
Hearing: Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, April 20, 2010

Dear Senator Lowenthal:

The California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA) is a statewide trade association that represents the interests of over 1100 franchised new car and truck dealer members. CNCDA members are primarily engaged in the retail sale and leasing of new and used motor vehicles, but also engage in automotive service, repair and part sales. We are writing to oppose SB 1418, which authorize country freeway service authorities to charge local call box registration fees up to \$2 (up from \$1). Our opposition would be removed if the bill is amended to require authorization for the increase in fees by the voters who will have to pay them.

California motorists are already overburdened with hidden vehicle fees. In addition to the annual VLF (which increased last year from .65% to 1.15% on May 19th) and annual \$34 vehicle registration fees, those vehicle owners are also subject to the following "add-on" fees: \$1-7 annual air quality district fee, (Health & Safety Code §§ 44223 & 44225); \$20 smog abatement fee for vehicles 4 model-years old or newer (Health & Safety Code § 44060(d)(1)), \$1 annual abandoned vehicle trust fee (Vehicle Code § 9250.7); \$22 annual CHP fee (Vehicle Code §§ 9250.9 & 9250.13); \$1 annual freeway call box fee (Vehicle Code § 9250.10); \$1 annual theft deterrence fee (Vehicle Code § 9250.14); \$1 annual fingerprint identification fee (Vehicle Code § 9250.19); and, the \$1.75 per tire California tire fee (Public Resources Code § 2885).

In sum, with the current poor economic climate in our state, we believe there continues to be no reason to further increase the cost of vehicle ownership in California, *unless the voters within the jurisdiction(s) affected elect to tax themselves.*

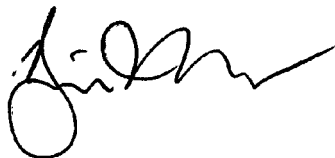
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Based upon the foregoing, we urge you to vote "NO" on SB 1418. Should you or your staff have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Maas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "M".

Brian Maas

Director of Government Affairs

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cc: The Honorable Patricia Wiggins
Members of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee
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