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September 7, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1660 (Pavley)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I write to respectfully request your veto of Assembly Bill 1660 (Pavley), a bill creating the California Energy-Efficient Vehicle Group Purchase Program within the Department of General Services. Its purpose is to encourage the purchase of energy-efficient vehicles by local and state agencies through a group-purchasing program.

This bill creates yet another commission to evaluate and negotiate for the purchase of fuel-efficient vehicles. While searching for efficient vehicles, bills like this do nothing to modernize government, instead merely adding to the inefficiency and lack of accountability by departments and agencies that have to administer these extensive and burdensome programs. In addition, the costs for all the commissions, administration, studies, reports and programs called for by this and other "fuel-efficient" vehicle bills are passed on directly to California taxpayers.

Finally, this bill does not just favor fuel-efficient vehicles but rather places a bias into California law for "super ultra-low" emissions vehicles and "inherently low-emission" vehicles.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

DICK ACKERMAN
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RE: RECOMMENDED VETO OF AB 1660 (PAVLEY)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

This letter serves to memorialize a veto request for Assembly Bill 1660, which passed the Assembly on September 1, 2005, by a vote of 55 to 24, with 24 members of the Assembly Republican Caucus voting 'No'.

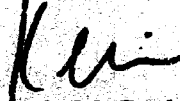
AB 1660 creates the California Energy-Efficient Vehicle Group Purchase Program in the Department of General Services to encourage the purchase of energy-efficient vehicles, as defined, by local and state agencies through a group-purchasing program. Obviously there is nothing wrong with fuel efficiency vehicles and the desire to prefer them is understandable. Unfortunately AB 1660 confounds and compounds the process for choosing efficient and clean vehicles. This bill doesn't just favor fuel efficient vehicles but rather places a bias into California law for "super ultra-low" emissions vehicles and "inherently low-emission" vehicles.

The biggest problem with this bill is that the concept of "super ultra-low emissions" is being confounded with the concept of fuel efficiency. The bill treats them as equivalents by defining vehicles that meet California's super ultra-low emission vehicle (SULEV) standard for exhaust emissions and the federal inherently low-emission vehicle (ILEV) as "energy-efficient" vehicles for scoring purposes when awarding vehicle procurement contracts. While some vehicles can achieve both energy efficiency and low emissions other vehicles only achieve one at the expense of the other. The provisions of this bill will confound the process of choosing acceptable vehicles for governmental use. Standards and preferences should be independently designed for each concept.

Also, free market forces should be allowed to dictate prices for these vehicles. Government intervention such as that anticipated by this bill causes aberrations in the market process which often results in unusual shortages.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 1660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kevin', written in dark ink.

Kevin McCarthy
Assembly Republican Leader

cc: Richard Costigan

7.ii. Oppose Letters – Organizations/Local Gov't

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