



February 25, 2025

Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Office #8120
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 334 (Petrie-Norris) - Support

Dear Assemblymember Petrie-Norris,

On behalf of the South Orange County Economic Coalition (SOCEC), we write to express support for Assembly Bill (AB) 334. The bill would allow California toll operators to be nationally interoperable and allow drivers to use their home toll account when driving on out-of-state toll facilities.

Serving the region since 1969, the Coalition has advocated for enhanced economic development, removal of barriers to business growth, and protection of South Orange County's world-class quality of life. With a proactive issue-based model, the Coalition identifies prevalent issues and aligns our actions accordingly.

On July 6, 2012, the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) was signed into law. MAP-21 included a provision that requires all tolling agencies throughout the U.S. to be nationally interoperable, which is the process of exchanging information across state lines to allow customers to utilize their home toll account when they drive on out-of-state toll facilities. However, due to current restrictions in state law (SHC § 27565), only certain tolling data can be shared with out-of-state toll operators, making full interoperability with other states not feasible.

AB 334 addresses this limitation by allowing toll facility operators to share only the essential data required for interstate interoperability without compromising the privacy and security of customers. Moreover, this bill reduces the transmission of drivers' personal identifiable information by utilizing existing electronic toll collection systems instead of mailed notices. This

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legislation will enable a seamless, efficient travel experience for drivers while improving operational efficiencies for toll operators.

On behalf of the South Orange County Economic Coalition, we write in support of this legislation to improve toll efficiency.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Hernandez", is written in a cursive style.

Victoria Hernandez

Executive Director, South Orange County Economic Coalition