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The Honorable Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 664 (Ochoa Bogh) – Blue Envelope Program – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Ochoa Bogh,

On behalf of the City of Palm Desert, I am pleased to express support for Senate Bill 664, which establishes the Blue Envelope Program to improve communication and safety between law enforcement and individuals with disabilities or conditions requiring additional accommodation during traffic stops.

Palm Desert recognizes the value of programs that enhance understanding and communication for individuals with disabilities. Notably, Palm Desert was the first municipality in California whose employees completed training to become a Certified Autism Center through the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). Our experience with autism certification has shown the importance of proactive tools and training that promote positive interactions and support the safety of both community members and public safety personnel.

SB 664 offers a voluntary and practical approach to improving traffic stop interactions by providing individuals and law enforcement with clear communication tools, including a standardized blue envelope containing essential information. This bill complements existing efforts to enhance understanding and promote public safety in cities like Palm Desert.

For these reasons, the City of Palm Desert respectfully supports SB 664.

Sincerely,

Jan C. Harnik
Mayor, City of Palm Desert