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Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 910 SUPPORT

Dear Gov. Brown:

I am writing to urge you to sign Senate Bill 910 so that drivers must give at least three feet of clearance when overtaking a person on a bicycle. Specifying a minimum passing distance provides a more objective and easily understood measure of what constitutes "safe" and gives law enforcement and the courts a more objective basis for enforcing California's safe passing requirement. Most importantly, it helps emphasize a driver's special responsibility to safeguard the most vulnerable road users.

In our experience working with the 19 other states that have passed three-foot passing laws, we have heard of no increases in number of motor vehicle crashes due to the new requirements or any increased burden on law enforcement. In contrast, we have received nothing but positive responses to these laws.

There is no downside to this legislation. By requiring drivers to give bicyclists more space when passing, you can minimize a leading cause of deadly collisions and help more people have the confidence to ride their bikes more often. Welcoming and better accommodating bicycling is essential to making a more sustainable, livable and healthy California. Signing SB 910 into law is a key building block of a truly bicycle-friendly California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Clarke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Andy Clarke  
President, League of America Bicyclists