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The Honorable Bill Quirk
California State Assembly
1020 N. Street, Room 2163
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Opposition to AB 3014 (Quirk) – Brake Friction Materials: Copper Limits: High Performance Road and Track Capable Vehicle Exemption.

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in opposition to Assembly Bill 3014 (Quirk). AB 3014 would exempt the brake friction materials of high performance road and track capable vehicles, including motorcycles, from the prohibition against the sale of motor vehicle brake friction materials containing more than 5 percent copper by weight on and after January 1, 2021. This exemption poses a problem, as brake friction materials are a high-level threat to water quality.

Under the 2014 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit for Long Beach, the City must meet some of the strongest water quality guidelines in the country. With the intent of improving stormwater management systems to the benefit of our environment, Long Beach invests above \$9.1 million annually to improve the health of stormwater, which in part, includes removing copper found in brake friction materials from the stormwater. Recently, the City of Long Beach partnered with the City of Signal Hill to begin the construction of the Los Cerritos Channel Sub-Basin 4 Stormwater Capture Facility Project in December 2016. This \$11 million project, with multiple construction phases, will capture and treat stormwater runoff, inclusive of brake friction material pollutants, prior to discharge into the Pacific Ocean.

In recognition of the opportunities to improve stormwater quality through a reduction in copper found in brake friction materials, existing State law prohibits brake friction materials containing more than 5 percent copper by weight from being sold in the state beginning in 2021. Long Beach supports this statute, and opposes any proposal to delay its implementation.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes AB 3014 (Quirk).

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District