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The Honorable Chris Holden
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**ASSEMBLY BILL 2000 (GABRIEL & FONG)
SUPPORT
Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2000 (Gabriel and Fong).

AB 2000 expands the crimes of motor vehicle exhibition of speed and speed contest to include parking lots.

During the COVID 19 pandemic lockdowns, cities have seen an increase in street racing and sideshows, in part because there have been fewer vehicles on the road. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) responded to 25,953 calls involving a motor vehicle speed contest or exhibition of speed in 2020, nearly 3,500 more calls than the prior year. In 2020, CHP cited 341 individuals with a violation of motor vehicle exhibition of speed, 141 more than the year before.

Law enforcement in Los Angeles County know all too well that street racing and sideshows are not exclusive to state highways and public roadways and often occur in off street parking facilities. When street racing and sideshows occur in off street parking facilities, the risk of death and serious injury increases substantially due the presence of spectators and pedestrians as well as uninvolved vehicles present.

Existing law only prohibits motor vehicle speed contests and exhibitions of speed that occur on the public highways/roadways, not in a parking lot. AB 2000 would authorize those two crimes to be charged if committed on a parking lot.

It makes no logical sense to have criminal liability for acts occurring on a highway/roadway but to not have criminal liability for the same acts that occur in a parking lot. AB 2000 closes this loophole.

Thank you for introducing this important vehicular safety measure.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gascón", written in a cursive style.

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cc: Assembly Member Gabriel
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