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September 23, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 344 (McGuire) UUT Prepaid Mobile Telephony Collection—Notice of SUPPORT and Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Arcata urges your signature on SB 344 (McGuire), which would grant a one-year extension of a sunset date to the Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Collection Act (Local Prepaid MTS) until January 1, 2021, and makes related clarifications. Since its enactment in 2014, the program has been a success. 104 cities and counties have collected approximately \$24 million in local Utility Users Tax (UUT) revenue to provide local services that benefit all residents of the community.

While a broader update to definitions associated with the Local Prepaid MTS Act is needed, SB 344 addresses the immediate issue: extending the sunset date for one year to ensure the affected local agencies can continue to implement this law and collect revenue needed for local services.

To ensure local agencies do not experience a halt in revenue, the City of Arcata respectfully requests your **signature** on SB 344.

Sincerely,

Brett Watson
Mayor

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