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February 25, 2023

Honorable Senator Steven Bradford
1021 O Street, Suite 7210
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 50: Vehicles: Enforcement. SUPPORT

Dear Senator Bradford:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to support SB 50.

We share your concerns about police stops for minor infractions alone being used as a pretext for unwarranted and invasive searches and interrogations. We know that these casual police stops - often without a serious primary reason for the stop - are frequently used selectively against drivers who are members of minority groups or live in impoverished neighborhoods.

Your bill, SB 50, would be a good first step in restricting these discriminatory practices.

Furthermore, we appreciate that allowing many small Vehicle Code infractions to be handled by a citation letter would cut down on mischievous police stops and free up police time for more serious matters. We do have some concerns about allowing this enforcement to be handled by "government employees who are not police officers." This seems vague and possibly subject to abuse. We hope you will address this too-broad authority in later versions of your bill.

For these reasons we support SB 50. To discuss our position further, please contact me at 916-207-4595 (cell), or reigers@earthlink.net.

Sincerely,

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