

June 19, 2025



The Honorable Juan Carrillo
Chair, Assembly Committee on Local Government
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 276 (Wiener) San Francisco: merchandising sales – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Carrillo,

On behalf of the California Retailers Association, I am writing to express our strong support for SB 276, the SAFE Streets Act. We commend Senator Wiener for reintroducing this important legislation to address the pressing issue of illegal fencing in San Francisco.

SB 276 builds upon the legislature's efforts from last year combating organized retail crime and its detrimental effects on our communities. By allowing San Francisco to require permits for vendors selling commonly stolen goods and implementing a system of infractions and misdemeanors for violations, this bill provides law enforcement with the necessary tools to tackle the rampant fencing operations that have disrupted neighborhoods with San Francisco.

We appreciate that the SAFE Streets Act takes a balanced approach, protecting legitimate street vendors while targeting those who sell stolen merchandise, and the narrow scope of the legislation focusing on San Francisco, which has been a hot spot for the fencing of stolen goods on the street. This strategic method will help restore order to San Francisco's commercial corridors and create a safer environment for businesses and consumers alike.

The California Retailers Association believes that SB 276 will deter retail theft by making it more difficult to fence stolen goods on the street, improve public safety in areas affected by illegal fencing operations, support legitimate businesses and street vendors by reducing unfair competition from stolen merchandise, and enhance the overall quality of life in San Francisco's neighborhoods.

We are particularly encouraged by the collaboration between state and local leadership in developing this legislation. The partnership between Senator Wiener and Mayor Daniel Lurie demonstrates a strong commitment to addressing this critical issue.

The California Retailers Association is happy to support SB 276.

Sincerely,

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