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Senate Transportation Committee
California State Senate
Sacramento CA 95814
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Opposition Withdrawn to SB 65

This is to confirm that Cal NORML is withdrawing our opposition to SB 65 in light of the amendments adopted by the Public Safety committee. As we understand it, the amended bill would establish the penalty for using marijuana while driving or riding in a car as a \$250 infraction. We believe this is consistent with the intent of Prop. 64 as approved by the voters in November 2016.

However, we continue to oppose SB 698, which would establish *per se* penalties for driving with combined blood levels of 5 ng/ml THC and .04-.07% alcohol. The scientific evidence is insufficient to set fixed, numerical *per se* standards regarding cannabis impairment. The Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research has been charged with conducting controlled scientific studies on testing for cannabis impairment, and we think the legislature should wait for the results before legislating further in this area.

Sincerely,

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