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Date: February 16, 2024
To: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
From: Cole Herder, City Administrator, City of Humboldt
Re: SB 474 Administrative Ordinance Restrictions – Testimony in opposition

Chairman Thompson and the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 474, Administrative Ordinance Restrictions. I am opposed to this legislation.

Passage of SB 474 could create significant disruption to basic services, as it could effectively retroactively rescind actions already approved by the elected governing body. Administrative ordinances simply executes existing law that has already been enacted.

Rural communities are perfectly capable of governing the administrative functions of our own towns. This level of control may be necessary at the state level, but not necessary at the local level.

For these reasons, I ask the Committee to *not* pass SB 474 out of committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cole Herder, City Administrator