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Honorable Buddy Mendes
Chairman of the Board
Fresno County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Records, Third Floor
2281 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93721

ATTENTION: Ms. Bernice Seidel, Clerk to the Board

Re: Letter of Support, Anti-Scavenging Ordinance

I would like to take this opportunity to support the Anti-Scavenging Ordinance proposed by Supervisor Borgeas. Neighborhoods throughout Fresno County have been plagued by scavengers in recent years. Although scavenging is not a crime in California, it affects the quality of life for many people. One could speculate that scavenging invites crime, lowers economic value to homes, and produces health hazards. Currently the Sheriff's Office does not have the tools to adequately resolve a call for service regarding scavenging. This ordinance will enable deputies to take enforcement action against scavengers, and hopefully, this ordinance will deter and prevent scavenging in the county.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Margaret Mims, Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Honorable Andreas Borgeas
Honorable Debbie Poochigian
Honorable Brian Pacheco
Honorable Henry Perea
Mr. Jean Rousseau, County Administrative Officer

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