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The Honorable Evan Low  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 4126  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1210 (Low) Crimes: Package Theft  
Notice of SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Low,

The City of Cupertino is pleased to support AB 1210 (Low), Crime: Package Theft. This bill would strengthen protections for residents who receive package deliveries at their homes by increasing penalties regarding package theft.

More Americans than ever are doing their shopping online. The growing number of retail products delivered to our doorsteps has resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of thieves targeting the porches, patios, and doorsteps of online shoppers. Under federal law, the theft of such packages can be prosecuted as a felony if the package has been delivered by the United States Postal Service. Under state law, unless the items contained in the stolen package are valued at more than \$950, theft of a privately delivered package may only be prosecuted as a misdemeanor.

AB 1210 would make it a crime to enter the curtilage of a residence with intent to commit theft of a package shipped through the mail or delivered by a public or private carrier. This bill will give judges a wider range of options to ensure that the punishment fits the crime and could deter many people from engaging in this behavior.

For these reasons, the City of Cupertino is proud to support AB 1210. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Gibbs at 916-447-4086.

Sincerely,

Steven Scharf  
Mayor, City of Cupertino

cc: Senator Jim Beall  
Assemblymember Marc Berman