

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle manufacturers are currently eliminating AM radios from vehicles; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle manufacturers claim that AM broadcasting is outdated and causes electromagnetic interference, therefore their removal from cars would eliminate this issue; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Broadcasters credit AM radio for continuing to be the backbone of the Nation's Emergency Alert System; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Broadcasters finds that 82 million Americans listen to AM radio monthly, thereby removing this technology from newer motor vehicles will inhibit individuals from using this technology as an outlet for information; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before Congress is S.1669 (Markey), which aims to continue production of this technology by requiring the Department of Transportation to mandate that new motor vehicles include AM radio technology as standard equipment; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicles manufactured in the United States, imported into the United States, or shipped in interstate commerce would be held accountable to comply with the provisions of the bill; and

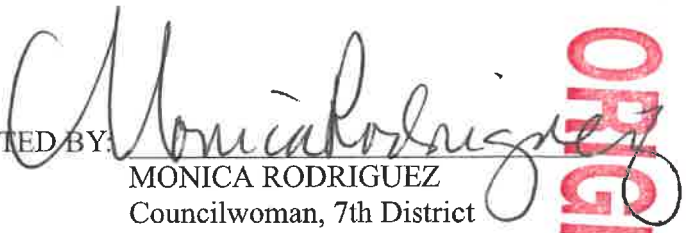
WHEREAS, S. 1669, would allow the Department of Transportation to impose civil penalties on manufacturers that fail to comply with these guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support this action because this bill would protect the use of AM radio technology which continues to be an important source of information for listeners; and

WHEREAS, removing this technology would pose risks to constituents that rely upon or do not have the capabilities to access other news sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program support for S. 1669 (Markey), which would mandate that new motor vehicles include AM radio technology as standard equipment in order to ensure the public's access to emergency notifications and news sources.

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