



January 29, 2025

Chair and Members of the Senate Labor Committee,

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities across the metropolitan area at the Legislature and Executive Branch, appreciates the opportunity to comment on SF 560- Lucero as amended by the A-2 amendment. Metro Cities respectfully opposes the bill.

Cities are responsible for ensuring local health and safety and the structural soundness and livability of the local housing stock through building permits and inspections. Metro Cities opposes any effort to reduce, alter or interfere with cities' authority to carry out these functions in a locally determined manner.

This bill, as amended, seeks to limit how cities calculate and charge residential building permit fees. These changes would add administrative burdens for cities and reduce flexibility for carrying out this essential function of city government, particularly with varying levels of complexity in inspections and types of projects. We respectfully ask you to oppose this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ania McDonnell'.

Ania McDonnell  
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