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September 22, 2009

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1383 (Jones) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As Chair of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request your signature of AB 1383 (Jones).

As the core of the safety-net in our community, Contra Costa County is a major provider of health care services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and the uninsured. There is a critical need for increased reimbursement to hospitals in the Medi-Cal program in order to provide stability for essential providers of care to eligible individuals. The hospital fee authorized by this legislation will be an important component in strengthening the state's Medi-Cal program and ensuring the availability of critical health care services to the targeted population.

Contra Costa County supports AB 1383 because:

- It was developed by hospitals to provide needed Medi-Cal rate increases to ensure access to care for California's low-income population. California's public and private hospitals experience billions in Medi-Cal shortfalls each year. This bill raises more than \$2 billion in fees that will be used to obtain federal matching funds to reduce those shortfalls.
- It contains key provisions that are vital to public hospitals, including equitable rate increases to both public and private hospitals and coordination of the hospital fee with the next 1115 Medicaid Waiver.

This measure will help to stabilize the hospital safety net, including Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, and help ensure needed access to health care services for low-income Californians.

For these reasons, I urge you to sign AB 1383.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan A. Bonilla".

SUSAN A. BONILLA
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Mark DeSaulnier
Senator Loni Hancock
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