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June 1, 2009

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

RE: Contra Costa County Comments on SB 810 (Leno)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Like all local governments in California struggling to pay for employee and retiree health care costs, Contra Costa County has watched with interest the development of Senate Bill 810 (Leno). SB 810 seeks to fundamentally alter the financing of health care in California by shifting the current employer based/multi-payer system to a single financing system. On May 19th, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 in favor of supporting Senator Leno's bill.

These are difficult days for California. Some would argue that now is simply not the time to support SB 810. We disagree. As more persons go without health care and costs continue to spike, reform is needed now more than ever!

Contra Costa County supports SB 810's commitment to health care reform.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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

Susan A. Bonilla
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Mark Leno
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