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May 28, 2019

The Honorable Senator Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

***RE: SB 1069 (Jackson) - SUPPORT***

Dear Senator Portantino:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to respectfully request your support for SB 1069 (Jackson), which would ensure that, during an emergency, natural disaster or de-energization event, local emergency management officials have the information they need from telecommunication service providers (“telcos”) to respond quickly and effectively, to alert and evacuate the public and to ensure the public can use their telecommunication service to get information and communicate with first responders and each other.

In 2018, SB 821 (Jackson) was signed into law and authorized counties to enter into an agreement to access the contact information of resident accountholders through the records of a public utility, for the purpose of enrolling county residents in a county-operated public emergency warning system. SB 1069 (Jackson) expands on the bill by allowing local emergency management officials to receive real-time data from telcos, in order to receive the number of emergency alerts that did and did not go through to the intended recipients and the geographic footprint of those alerts.

In 2018, Santa Barbara County suffered major loss that resulted in property damage, disrupting thousands of lives, businesses and government services due to the Thomas Fire and subsequent mudslides. Due to the ongoing climate related disasters in California, it is critical to reinforce the need for a robust emergency notification and communication system.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2020 Legislative Platform, which includes the Efficient Service Delivery and Operations legislative principle that specifically states that the County will support efforts to streamline processes and promote operational

enhancements relevant to County departments' missions and core services, including disaster prevention & response.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support SB 1069 (Jackson). If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Nancy Anderson at 805-568-3403 or NAnderson@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,



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