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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva  
California State Assembly  
1021 O St., Ste. 4210  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: – SUPPORT - AB 1649 (Quirk-Silva) Childcare services: alternative payment programs**

Dear Assemblymember Quirk-Silva,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of your AB 1649, which would ensure working families are supported with maximum access to childcare and development programs by making changes to the alternative payment program as administered by the State Department of Social Services (DSS).

The Child Care and Development Services act is administered by the DSS and establishes a system of childcare and development services for children up to 13 years of age. Currently, the DSS contracts with local contracting agencies for alternative payment programs for childcare services. These alternative payment programs reimburse childcare providers based upon certain criteria, including days and hours of attendance for families with variable schedules.

By changing the reimbursement conditions for alternative payment programs, more families can have better access to childcare and development programs. Access to childcare and developmental programs is necessary to stabilize families and help children realize greater educational outcomes. Working families should be supported with equitable access to childcare to ensure the healthy physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth and development of their children.

AB 1649 addresses this by altering reimbursement requirements for alternative payment programs. Rather than reimbursing childcare providers based upon days and hours of attendance, childcare providers would be reimbursed based upon the maximum certified hours of care. This will provide greater access and better quality of care to the residents of Solano County.

This is in accordance with Solano County's 2022 State Legislative Platform to support legislation and efforts to allow for billing two different services on the same day in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and for implementation of prospective payment called alternative payment methodology systems based on a capitation model (per-member, per-month) rather than an encounter-based financing model.

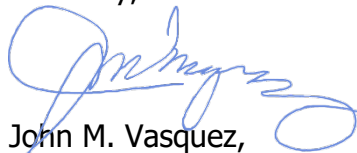
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For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support your AB 1649 and would like to thank you for your authorship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

John M. Vasquez,  
District 4 Supervisor and Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

**CC:** Chair & Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
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