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The Honorable Thomas Umberg  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
1021 O St., Ste. 6530  
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: OPPOSE, SB 43 (Eggman) Behavioral Health**

Dear Chairman Umberg,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in opposition to SB 43, which expands the definition of "gravely disabled" to also include a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm to the physical or mental health of a person due to a mental health disorder or a substance use disorder, and specifies circumstances under which substantial risk of serious harm may be evidenced. This bill would change the level of service required of county mental health departments and impose a state-mandated local program.

Solano County agrees that too many individuals suffer without adequate and appropriate treatment and housing and shares the urgency to bring about real change to address the needs of unhoused individuals with serious MH/SUD. However, we have concerns about the impact this bill will have on County resources and community medical resources. This bill would mandate changes that include an increased workload on law enforcement, public guardians, courts, health care, and the behavioral health workforce, which are already strained under new laws and responsibilities aimed at mitigating the impact of homelessness in the state, such as CARE Court. This has all happened without providing counties with the necessary resources to meet the new mandates.

Solano County is further concerned about the chronic underinvestment of ongoing support in public and private treatment resources, housing facilities, and public guardians to absorb millions of individuals into the health care system who will likely need expensive, long-term care. Also, Solano County believes the proposed expansion of LPS is overly broad and ultimately would not benefit the clients and communities they serve.

For these reasons, Solano County must respectfully oppose SB 43.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors**CC:**Members, Senate Judiciary Committee  
The Honorable Bill Dodd, Senator  
The Honorable Lori D. Wilson, Assemblymember  
The Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman, Senator

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