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The Honorable Steve Glazer
Chair, Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee
1021 O St., Suite 7520
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: OPPOSE, SB 518 (Wilk) Elections: certification of results

Dear Chairman Glazer,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to inform you that we must respectfully oppose SB 518, which would require the elections official to submit the certified statement of the results of the election on the 30th calendar day following the election. SB 518 would change when the election official submits the certified statement of the results of the election from occurring within 30 days following the election to on the 30th calendar day following the election.

Solano County is in opposition to this bill because county staff currently can process the election and reach a certified vote prior to the 30-day certification deadline. This provides opportunities for the winners of contests to be sworn into office after they have been certified. SB 518 would prevent this from happening any sooner than the 30 days, which would result in some elected officials being sworn in before the election was certified. Counties that can provide election results prior to the 30-day deadline should not have to wait longer than is needed to certify a vote.

For these reasons, Solano County must respectfully oppose SB 518.

Sincerely,

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

John M. Vasquez, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

The Honorable Bill Dodd, Senator
The Honorable Lori D. Wilson, Assemblymember
The Honorable Scott Wilk, Assemblymember
The Honorable Solano County Board of Supervisors
Tim Flanagan, Chief Information Officer and Registrar of Voters, Solano County
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