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The Honorable Thomas Umberg
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O St., Ste. 6530
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: SUPPORT, SB 642 (Cortese) Hazardous materials: enforcement: county counsel**

Dear Chair Umberg,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of SB 642, which would provide county counsels with civil enforcement authority over hazardous waste violations related to business and area plans, underground storage tanks, aboveground storage tanks and medical waste.

Hazardous waste violations and pollution directly impact the safety of the public, particularly low-income communities and communities of color. While city attorneys, district attorneys, and the Attorney General are authorized to prosecute hazardous waste violations, county counsels have incomplete enforcement authority. SB 642 would add language to existing law, under the statute, giving county counsels across the state the authority, on behalf of the Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA), to bring actions relating to the generation, transportation, and disposal of hazardous material violations within their county. Furthermore, the bill does not limit any existing authorities' ability to file, rather, it adds another tool to the County's tool chest.

For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support SB 642.

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 Dawn Addis, Assemblymember
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