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The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O St., Ste. 5650
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: OPPOSE, AB 1672 (Haney) In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act**

Dear Chairman Holden,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in opposition to AB 1672, which would allow In-Home Support Service (IHSS) providers across the state to collectively bargain with the state instead of County-by-County negotiations. For purposes of collective bargaining, the bill would deem the State to be the employer of record of individual providers in each County.

While Solano County understands the important work that In-Home Support Service workers do, by helping to maintain people in their homes, and the County could not effectively give the amount of care that is needed without them, they must respectfully oppose AB 1672 due to the potential General Fund impacts. More specifically, Solano County opposes AB 1672 because the bill would make the State the Employer of Record of IHSS Providers and in charge of bargaining. The County is worried that doing this would cause an overall erosion of the tasks assigned to the Public Authority, which would directly impact a County's ability to have a voice in the bargaining process that could directly impact their General Fund.

In-Home Support Service is an entitled program, and it is a mandated service that the County must provide. While it is a cost-effective way of providing services to people in their home, and it can serve as a pathway into the medical professions, over the years the program has become more expensive, and overall is very expensive. Currently the funding structure for IHSS is that the Federal Government only gives 50 percent, the State gives 35 percent, and the remaining 15 percent comes from the County. Therefore, as alluded to above, if this bill goes through, the County would have to put more money in. Again, this triggers worries that the proposed changes AB 1672 would make to the structure of the IHSS program, would directly impact a County's ability to have a voice in the bargaining process that could directly impact their General Fund; these concerns are further exacerbated due to the fact that the state faces a significant fiscal deficit and decisions regarding the County's General Fund will be more vigorous than previous years.

For these reasons, Solano County must oppose AB 1672, and respectfully encourages you to vote NO on this measure.

Sincerely,

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

Honorable Chris Holden

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John M. Vasquez, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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The Honorable Bill Dodd, Senator

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