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The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O St., Ste. 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: SUPPORT, SB 706 (Caballero) Public Contracts, Progressive Design Build, Local Agencies**

Dear Chairman Portantino,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of SB 706, which would authorize all cities, counties, city and counties, or special districts to use the progressive design-build process for projects, in addition to water-related projects, and extend these provisions until January 1, 2030. Additionally, by extending the duration of the progressive design-build authorization for local agencies and expanding the projects that may use the progressive design-build process – thus expanding opportunities for bidders to submit specified information under penalty of perjury which could expand the crime of perjury – the bill would impose a non-reimbursable state-mandated local program.

Solano County is in support of SB 706 because the bill would amend the public contract code, granting additional support for the progressive design-build process which Solano County uses for construction projects. Ultimately, SB 706 helps make the Progressive Design-Build project delivery more readily available to local government agencies across California and improves local flexibility and efficiency during the procurement process.

The use of a qualifications-based selection from the earliest possible stage of a project allows local agencies, including those within the County of Solano, to work with a qualified design-build partner closer to the genesis of a project rather than first seeking bids for the design of a project, and then seeking bids for the construction of a project. Working with an integrated design-build team permits local agencies to seek input in the early stages of a project to maximize cost and scheduling advantages available and in doing so more efficiently utilizes available appropriations.

For Solano County, this approach translates to the completion of public works projects more quickly and at lower cost, improving our stewardship of public funds and increasing the public benefit from our projects. Finally, expanded eligibility for the use of a Design-Build project delivery system will allow the County to attract a wider range of bidders in response to its public works RFPs and make a more informed selection.

For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support SB 706.

Sincerely,

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

Honorable Anthony Portantino

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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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