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The Honorable Aisha Wahab
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee
1021 O St., Ste. 7330
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: SUPPORT – AB 474 (Rodriguez) State Threat Assessment Center: transnational criminal organizations**

Dear Chairwoman Wahab,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 474, which would require the State Threat Assessment Center (STAC) and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to prioritize, to the greatest extent possible, cooperation with state and local efforts to disrupt and dismantle criminal networks trafficking opioid drugs that pose a threat to California.

Solano County supports AB 474 as the STAC would be tasked with supporting the preparation and dissemination of intelligence products for use by public safety entities, including, and not limited to the Solano County Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, Office of Emergency Services. Allowing our County and State to gain insights and information on TCOs and other threats to California is the first step in fighting back and stopping the opioid epidemic.

Coordinated investigations, enforcement actions, and prosecutions between state and local law enforcement partners will eliminate barriers and leverage the authorities and resources to identify, investigate, disrupt, and dismantle at every level of operations the ability of cartels and other criminal networks to smuggle drugs, especially illicit fentanyl, into California. For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support AB 474.

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 Public Safety Committee
The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Assemblymember
The Honorable Bill Dodd, Senator
The Honorable Lori D. Wilson, Assemblymember
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