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The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
1021 O St., Ste. 7630  
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: SUPPORT, AB 1304 (Papan) Weights and measures: inspection fees**

Dear Chairman Portantino,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 1304, which would increase the fees that a County Board of Supervisors may charge to fund the operations of the County Sealer of Weights and Measures, as specified, and extends the sunset date of that fee authority by two years, until January 1, 2029.

Solano County supports the bill because it would help the Solano County Agricultural Commissioner, Sealer of Weights and Measures to recover some of the costs of performing its weights and measures related duties. Currently the department collects about \$250,000 annually from business fees, whereas it costs the department approximately \$600,000 to perform the work. Whereas, the department estimates this bill, if passed, would generate an additional \$70,000 in annual revenues to help support ongoing department operations.

County weights and measures programs provide a valuable consumer protection service that helps to ensure that consumers will be charged the correct price when purchasing goods sold by weight or measurement. Further, AB 1304 would allow the fee cap to be increased, which would enable the County to allocate appropriate staffing levels to conduct needed inspections, respond to consumers, and ensure a fair marketplace that protects all businesses. For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support AB 1304.

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 Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Diane Papan, Assemblymember  
The Honorable Bill Dodd, Senator  
The Honorable Lori D. Wilson, Assemblymember  
The Honorable Solano County Board of Supervisors  
Ed King, Solano County Agricultural Commissioner, Sealer, Weights and Measures  
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