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The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
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Re: **SCA 1X/ACA 2X (Steinberg/Blumenfield) – SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), I write to inform you of our support for SCA 1X/ACA 2X, measures that extend the 2009 taxes and provide a framework for a realignment of program responsibilities from the state to counties. This language represents the culmination of ongoing dialogue between the Administration, Legislature, and counties as to the appropriate protections for counties under a realignment plan.

Under SCA 1X/ACA 2X, counties would be able to rely on constitutionally dedicated revenues for realigned programs, as well as benefit from certain mitigations that limit future financial risk. These components are significant and plant a firm foundation from which we can begin the detailed discussions as to how best to provide critical services to Californians.

We recognize, however, that SCA 1X/ACA 2X represent but the first steps in a lengthy process of implementation. Counties have many concerns that must be resolved during the implementation process, including underfunding of health and human services programs and mitigations to allow counties to manage the expanded offender populations locally. We are committed to this challenging work over the months ahead and appreciate your ongoing support for county flexibility and diversity.

Counties recognize both the significant opportunities and risks associated with the realignment proposal. After careful consideration, we are ready to join you in crafting a solution that allows for more efficient and effective delivery of services to our mutual constituencies. Our work to date represents a partnership between the State of California and its counties unlike any that we have seen previously and we look forward to continuing this relationship during your tenure as Governor.

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For these reasons, I am pleased to communicate counties' support for  
SCA 1X/ACA 2X.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Tavaglione". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John Tavaglione  
President, California State Association of Counties  
Riverside County Supervisor

cc: Honorable Members, California State Legislature  
Ana Matosantos, Director, Department of Finance  
Diane Cummins, Special Advisor to the Governor