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March 20, 2018

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
Senator, State of California
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support SB 1093 (Jackson) – Enhanced DMV Confidentiality Protection for Adult Protective Services Staff

Dear Senator Jackson:

Yolo County supports your Senate Bill 1093, which adds Adult Protective Services social workers to the list of staff who can obtain enhanced confidentiality protections from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

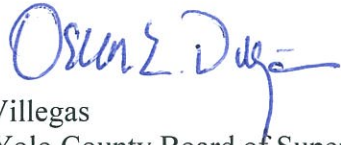
In general, current state law makes confidential the home addresses of all individuals contained within DMV records. However, the law allows for disclosure to courts, law enforcement agencies, and other governmental agencies, along with limited disclosure to financial institutions, insurance companies, attorneys, vehicle manufacturers, and persons doing statistical research. Enhanced protection is available under Vehicle Code Section 1808.4 to 23 classes of persons whose jobs are particularly sensitive. This primarily includes law enforcement, along with child protective services workers and community care licensing staff. These individuals, along with their spouses and children may request that their home addresses be held confidential by DMV. Under this enhanced confidentiality, the home addresses of these persons may only be disclosed to a court, a law enforcement agency, the State Board of Equalization (BOE); pursuant to a subpoena issued by a court in a civil or criminal case; or a governmental agency legally required to be furnished the information.

As the Adult Protective Services program has been implemented over the past two decades, and as our population ages, the level of crime perpetrated against elder and dependent adults has increased and the criminals have grown more sophisticated, encompassing financial abuse as well as physical abuse and neglect. A growing number of county APS staff have reported being harassed and followed by alleged perpetrators who are angry at their crimes being discovered and make the worker the target of their anger.

Unfortunately, we expect crimes against elder and dependent adults to increase as the population grows. Ensuring the safety of our APS staff is critical so they can focus on doing their job: protecting our most vulnerable Californians. It is time for the protections afforded to child welfare staff and community care licensing staff, along with numerous other law enforcement entities, to be extended to the estimated 800 APS workers across the state. Ensuring their confidential information remains protected to the greatest extent possible requires only a small change to the law, but represents a huge step forward for the APS field.

For these reasons, Yolo County supports your SB 1093. Please contact Alexander Tengolics in the County Administrator's Office at (530) 666-8068 or alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org with any questions about the County's position.

Sincerely,



Oscar Villegas
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Bill Dodd
The Honorable Richard Pan
The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
The Honorable Kevin McCarty