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Honorable Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 8610
Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: SB 48 (Gonzalez) Immigration enforcement: schoolsites: prohibitions on access, sharing information, and law enforcement collaboration – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Gonzalez:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, I write to express our support for your measure, Senate Bill (SB) 48. This bill would prohibit school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools and their personnel from granting United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers permission to access a school campus without a judicial warrant.

Monterey County recognizes its long and rich history of immigrants who have contributed to our local economy and become leaders in our community. We are a diverse county with foreign-born residents comprising over 28.9% of the County's total population, and significant numbers of undocumented immigrants comprise our county's workforce in the agriculture, hospitality, and construction industries. The building of a welcoming environment is fundamental to a vibrant and inclusive community. Therefore, the County of Monterey wants to assure immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers, opportunities for economic security, empowerment, and civic engagement, which are safe and free from discrimination, oppression, and violence, including, safety to attend and work at our schools.

The bill's prohibition of schools and their personnel from providing, the education records or any information about a pupil, pupil's family and household, school employee, or teacher to a U.S. ICE officer and proposing a one-mile safe zone around schools ensures, our students and school employees, along with their families, will feel safer and more protected.

The County of Monterey has and continues to be a welcoming county for immigrants and refugees and a place of trust and safety for immigrants. Supporting SB 48 is further affirmation of the County's commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all residents.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey supports SB 48. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

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Chris M. Lopez, Chair
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cc: The Honorable John Laird, 17th Senate District
The Honorable Robert Rivas, 29th Assembly District
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