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AB 1185	Hart, D	California Library Services, Equity in Opportunity Act.	02/21/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF	Would rename the California Library Services Act as the California Library Services, Equity in Opportunity Act, and would revise and recast the act to, among other things, state the intent of the Legislature to create access to opportunity for all Californians at public libraries, as provided. The bill would rename the California Library Services Board as the California Library Services, Equity in Opportunity Board and would reduce the size of the board to 11 members, appointed as provided. The bill would prescribe the duties of the state board to instead be to, among other things, advise the State Librarian on the adoption of rules, regulations, and general policies for the implementation of the act, as provided. The bill would require the State Librarian to ensure staff support for the state board. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)	Oppose	3/11/25- Letter in Opposition submitted and sent to all cc's.
AB 1	Connolly, D	Residential property insurance: wildfire risk.	12/02/2024 - Introduced HTML PDF	Current Department of Insurance regulations prohibit an insurer from using a rating plan that does not take into account and reflect specified wildfire risk mitigation, including property-level building hardening measures. This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2030, and every 5 years thereafter, to consider whether or not to update its regulations to include additional building hardening measures for property-level mitigation efforts and communitywide wildfire mitigation programs. As part of this consideration, the bill would require the department to consult with specified agencies to identify additional building hardening measures to consider, as well as to develop and implement a public participation process during the evaluation. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC.

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<u>AB 49</u>	<u>Muratsuchi, D</u>	Schoolsites: immigration enforcement.	04/02/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	Would prohibit school officials and employees of a local educational agency from allowing an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement to enter a schoolsite for any purpose without providing valid identification and a valid, signed judicial warrant, and receiving approval from the superintendent of the school district, the superintendent of the county office of education, or the principal of the charter school, or their designee, as applicable. The bill would require the local educational agency, if the officer or employee meets those requirements, to limit access to facilities where pupils are not present. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 04/02/2025 text)	Support	1/29/25 Support letter sent to Assemblymember Muratsuchi, Senator Laird, Speaker Rivas, Assemblymember Addis, CSAC and RCRC.
<u>AB 53</u>	<u>Ramos, D</u>	Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.	02/24/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	The Personal Income Tax Law, in modified conformity with federal income tax law, generally defines “gross income” as income from whatever source derived, except as specifically excluded, including an exclusion for combat-related special compensation. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, would exclude from gross income retirement pay received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, during the taxable year, not to exceed \$20,000, from the federal government for service performed in the uniformed services, as defined. The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, would also exclude from gross income annuity payments received during the taxable year, not to exceed \$20,000, by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, pursuant to a United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan. (Based on 02/24/2025 text)	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC.
<u>AB 226</u>	<u>Calderon, D</u>	California FAIR Plan Association.	01/09/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF	The California FAIR Plan Association is a joint reinsurance association in which all insurers licensed to write basic property insurance participate in administering a program for the equitable apportionment of basic property insurance for persons who are unable to obtain that coverage through normal channels. Current law requires the association’s plan of operation and any amendment to	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC.

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				the plan to be approved by the Insurance Commissioner. Current law establishes the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank and authorizes it to issue bonds to provide funds for the payment of costs of a project for a participating party or upon request by a state entity. This bill would authorize the association, if granted prior approval from the commissioner, to request the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to issue bonds, and would authorize the bank to issue those bonds to finance the costs of claims, to increase liquidity and claims-paying capacity of the association, and to refund bonds previously issued for that purpose. The bill would specify that the association is a participating party and that financing all or any portion of the costs of claims or to increase liquidity and the claims-paying capacity of the association is a project for bond purposes. The bill would authorize the bank to loan the proceeds of issued bonds to the association, and would authorize the association to enter into a loan agreement with the bank and to enter into a line of credit agreement with an institutional lender or broker-dealer. (Based on 01/09/2025 text)		
AB 259	Rubio, Blanca, D	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	01/16/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF	The Ralph M. Brown Act authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing, as specified, and requires a legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing to comply with specified requirements, including that the local agency post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing if, during the teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, and the legislative body complies with prescribed requirements. Current law	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC.

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				requires a member to satisfy specified requirements to participate in a meeting remotely pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including that specified circumstances apply. Current law establishes limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including prohibiting such participation for more than 2 meetings per year if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less. This bill would remove the January 1, 2026, date from those provisions, thereby extending the alternative teleconferencing procedures indefinitely. (Based on 01/16/2025 text)		
AB 1288	Addis, D	Registered environmental health specialists.	02/21/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF	Current law defines the scope of practice for a registered environmental health professional to include, but not be limited to, the prevention of environmental health hazards and the promotion and protection of the public health and the environment in specified areas, including, among others, food protection, housing, and hazardous materials management. Current law authorizes a local health department to employ a registered environmental health specialist to enforce public health laws, as specified. Current law authorizes an environmental health specialist trainee to work under the supervision of a registered environmental health specialist for a period not to exceed 3 years. This bill would extend that period of supervision to instead not exceed 5 years. The bill would include body art and medical waste in the scope of practice of registered environmental health specialists. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)	Support	3/11/25- Letter of Support submitted and sent to all cc's.
ABX1 1	Gabriel, D	Budget Act of 2024.	01/10/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	Would amend the Budget Act of 2024 by making changes to existing appropriations, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions. (Based on 01/10/2025 text)	Support	12/5/24 letter of support to Governor Newsom, Senator Laird, Assembly Speaker Rivas Assemblymember Addis, Senator Scott Weiner, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Senate Budget Committee, Assembly Budget Committee.
ABX1 2	Gabriel, D	Budget Act of 2024.	01/10/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	Would amend the Budget Act of 2024 by making changes to existing appropriations, as provided. This	Support	12/5/24 general letter of support sent to Governor Newsom, Senator Laird, Assembly Speaker Rivas,

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				bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill. (Based on 01/10/2025 text)		Assemblymember Addis, Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Senate Budget Committee, Assembly Budget Committee, CSAC and RCRC. 1/24/25 letter of support sent to Governor Newsom, Senator Laird, Assembly Speaker Rivas, Assemblymember Addis, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Assembly Budget Committee, CSAC and RCRC.
SB 23	Valladares, R	Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.	03/05/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	The California Constitution provides that all property is taxable, and requires that it be assessed at the same percentage of fair market value, unless otherwise provided by the California Constitution or federal law. The California Constitution and existing property tax law provide various exemptions from taxation, including, among others, a disabled veterans' exemption and a veterans' organization exemption. This bill would exempt from taxation, property owned by, and that constitutes the principal place of residence of, a veteran, the veteran's spouse, or the veteran and the veteran's spouse jointly, if the veteran is 100% disabled. The bill would provide an unmarried surviving spouse a property exemption in the same amount that they would have been entitled to if the veteran was alive and if certain conditions are met. The bill would require certain documentation to be provided to the county assessor to receive the exemption and would prohibit any other real property tax exemption from being granted to the claimant if receiving the exemption provided by the provisions of this bill. (Based on 03/05/2025 text)	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC.
SB 48	Gonzalez, D	Immigration enforcement: schoolsites: prohibitions on access and sharing information.	03/24/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	Current law prohibits, except as required by state or federal law or as required to administer a state- or federally supported educational program, school officials and employees of a school district, county office of education, or charter school from collecting information or documents regarding citizenship or immigration status of pupils or their family members. This bill would prohibit school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools and their	Support	1/16 - Filed letter of support on portal (portal sent to author) and emailed cc's.

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				<p>personnel from granting permission to an immigration authority to access a schoolsite, producing a pupil for questioning by an immigration authority at a schoolsite, or consenting to a search of any kind at a schoolsite by an immigration authority, unless the immigration authority presents a valid judicial warrant or court order. The bill would require a local educational agency and its personnel, when presented with a valid judicial warrant or court order to carry out the above-described actions, to (1) request valid identification and a written statement of purpose from the immigration authority and retain copies of those documents and (2), as early as possible, notify the designated local educational agency administrator of the request and advise the immigration authority that the local educational agency administrator is required to provide direction before access to the schoolsite or pupil may be granted. The bill would require a local educational agency and its personnel, if an immigration authority does not present a valid judicial warrant or court order, to (1), as early as possible, notify the designated local educational agency administrator of the request, (2) deny the immigration authority access to the schoolsite, and (3) make a reasonable effort to have the denial witnessed and documented. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)</p>		
SB 72	Caballero, D	The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.	03/18/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	<p>Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as “The California Water Plan.” Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers, that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things,</p>	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC.

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				require the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include, among others, tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department, as part of the 2033 update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for 2050, as provided. The bill would require the target to consider the identified and future water needs for a sustainable urban sector, agricultural sector, and environment, and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians, among other things. (Based on 03/18/2025 text)		
SB 74	Seyarto, R	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program.	04/07/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	Current law establishes the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation in the Governor's office for the purpose of serving the Governor and the Governor's cabinet as staff for long-range planning and research and constituting the comprehensive state planning agency. Current law authorizes a local agency to finance infrastructure projects through various means, including by authorizing a city or county to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district to finance public capital facilities or other specified projects of communitywide significance that provide significant benefits to the district or the surrounding community. This bill would require the office, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish the Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program to provide grants to local agencies for the development and construction of infrastructure projects, as defined, facing unforeseen costs after starting construction. The bill would authorize the office to provide funding for up to 20% of a project's additional projected cost, as defined, after the project has started construction, subject to specified conditions, including, among other things, that the local agency has allocated existing local tax revenue for at least 45% of the initially budgeted total cost of the infrastructure project. When applying to the program, the bill would require the local agency to demonstrate challenges with completing the project on time and on budget and how the infrastructure project helps meet state and local goals, as specified. (Based on 04/07/2025 text)	Support	3/11/25- Letter of Support submitted and sent to all cc's.

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SB 239	Arreguín, D	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.	04/07/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	The Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as specified. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes specified neighborhood city councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions related to notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed, if, among other requirements, the city council has adopted an authorizing resolution and 2/3 of the neighborhood city council votes to use alternate teleconference provisions, as specified This bill would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use alternative teleconferencing provisions and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The bill would require the subsidiary body to post the agenda at each physical meeting location designated by the subsidiary body, as specified. The bill would require the members of the subsidiary body to visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, as specified. (Based on 04/07/2025 text)	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC.
SB 296	Archuleta, D	Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.	03/19/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	The California Constitution and existing property tax law provide various exemptions from taxation, including, among others, a disabled veterans' exemption and a veterans' organization exemption. This bill would exempt from taxation, as provided, property owned by, and that constitutes the principal place of residence of, a veteran, the veteran's spouse, or the veteran and the veteran's spouse jointly, if the veteran is 100% disabled. The bill would provide an	Support	3/11/25- Letter of Support submitted and sent to all cc's.

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				unmarried surviving spouse a property exemption in the same amount that they would have been entitled to if the veteran was alive and if certain conditions are met. The bill would require certain documentation to be provided to the county assessor to receive the exemption and would prohibit any other real property tax exemption from being granted to the claimant if receiving the exemption provided by the provisions of this bill. The bill would make these exemptions applicable for property tax lien dates occurring on or after January 1, 2026, but occurring before January 1, 2036. (Based on 03/19/2025 text)		
SB 346	Durazo, D	Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator.	03/20/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	Current law authorizes a local authority, by ordinance or resolution, to regulate the occupancy of a room or rooms, or other living space, in a hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, or other lodging for a period of less than 30 days. This bill would authorize a local agency, defined to mean a city, county, or city and county, to enact an ordinance to require a short-term rental facilitator, as defined, to report, in the form and manner prescribed by the local agency, the assessor parcel number of each short-term rental, as defined, during the reporting period, as well as any additional information necessary to identify the property as may be required by the local agency. The bill would authorize the local agency to impose an administrative fine or penalty for failure to file the report, and would authorize the local agency to initiate an audit of a short-term rental facilitator, as described. The bill would require a short-term rental facilitator, in a jurisdiction that has adopted an ordinance, to include in the listing of a short-term rental any applicable local license number associated with the short-term rental and any transient occupancy tax certification issued by a local agency. (Based on 03/20/2025 text)	Support	3/11/25- Letter of Support submitted and sent to all cc's.
SB 496	Hurtado, D	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.	04/07/2025 - Amended HTML PDF	The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases and requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions	Support	3/18/25 - letter submitted to Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

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				from those sources. Pursuant to its authority, the state board has adopted the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, which imposes various requirements for transitioning local, state, and federal government fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, other high-priority fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, and drayage trucks to zero-emission vehicles. The Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation authorizes entities subject to the regulation to apply for exemptions from its requirements under certain circumstances. This bill would require the state board to establish the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee by an unspecified date for purposes of reviewing appeals of denied requests for exemptions from the requirements of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation. The bill would require the committee to include representatives of specified governmental and nongovernmental entities. The bill would require the committee to meet monthly and would require recordings of its meetings to be made publicly available on the state board's internet website. The bill would require the committee to consider, and make a recommendation on, an appeal of an exemption request denial no later than 60 days after the appeal is made. The bill would require specified information relating to the committee's consideration of an appeal to be made publicly available on the state board's internet website. (Based on 04/07/2025 text)		
<u>SBX1 1</u>	<u>Wiener, D</u>	Budget Act of 2024.	02/07/2025 - Chaptered HTML PDF	The Budget Act of 2024 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2024–25 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2024 by making changes to existing appropriations, as provided. (Based on 02/07/2025 text)	Support	12/5/24 letter of support to Governor Newsom, Senator Laird, Assembly Speaker Rivas Assemblymember Addis, Senator Scott Weiner, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Senate Budget Committee, Assembly Budget Committee. 2/4/25 Request for Signature sent to Governor Newsom, Senator Laird, Assembly Speaker Rivas Assemblymember Addis, Senator Wiener, RCRC and CSAC.
<u>SBX1 2</u>	<u>Wiener, D</u>	Budget Act of 2024.	02/07/2025 - Chaptered HTML PDF	The Budget Act of 2024 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2024–25 fiscal	Support	1/24/25 letter of support sent to Governor Newsom, Senator Laird,

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				year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2024 by making changes to existing appropriations, as provided. (Based on 02/07/2025 text)		Assembly Speaker Rivas, Assemblymember Addis, Senator Scott Wiener, Senate Budget Committee, CSAC, and RCRC. 2/4/25 Request for Signature sent to Governor Newsom, Senator Laird, Assembly Speaker Rivas Assemblymember Addis, Senator Wiener, RCRC and CSAC.

Budget Items and Other Issues:

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Budget Funding to Defend California Values.	County of Monterey Board of Supervisors letter supporting funding for any and all efforts to allocate state budget funding toward legal fees necessary to defend California against any threat from the incoming Trump Administration on immigration, abortion access, civil rights, and climate change.	12/5/24 letter to Governor Newsom, Senator Laird, Assembly Speaker Rivas Assemblymember Addis, Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Senate Budget Committee, Assembly Budget Committee.
Budget Funding SB 72 (Caballero) California Water Plan Budget Request	County of Monterey Board of Supervisors letter supporting the Budget allocation of \$6.8 million in ongoing funds for 5 years, and \$3.4 million ongoing for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to update and modernize the California Water Plan and develop long-term targets for the state's future water supply, in support of SB 72.	2/10/25 letter to Senators Weiner and Allen and Assemblymembers Gabriel and Bennett along with County delegation, CSAC and RCRC.
Budget CDPH: Future of Public Health & myCAVax	County of Monterey Board of Supervisors letter supporting the California State Association of Counties' (CSAC) request that the Legislature provide \$44 million ongoing in the General Fund for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) California Vaccine Management System, also known as myCAVax.	3/12/25 letter to Senator Weber and Assemblymember Addis.
Budget CalWORKS	Letter from CAO of County of Monterey requesting support for a one-time investment of \$245 million for county administration of the CalWORKS program to address critical and persistent underfunding of the program.	4/7/25 letter sent to members of Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Health, with copies to County delegation, RCRC, CSAC, CWDA.
Budget In-Home Support Services (IHSS)	Letter from CAO of County of Monterey requesting that the budget methodology for county administration of the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) program be updated at the May Revision to address longstanding underfunding.	4/7/25 letter sent to members of Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Health, with copies to County delegation, RCRC, CSAC, CWDA.
FY26 CPF Requests County of Monterey Support by Assemblymember Addis	Secured support letters from Assemblymember Addis for four (4) FY26 federal Community Project Funding (CPF) requests submitted by the County of Monterey to Senator Schiff, Senator Padilla, Congressman Panetta, and Congresswoman Lofgren.	3/21/25 letters from Assemblymember Addis to Senator Schiff, Senator Padilla, Congressman Panetta and Congresswoman Lofgren.

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FY26 CPF Requests County of Monterey Support Letters by Senator Laird	Secured support letters from Senator Laird for eight (8) FY26 federal Community Project Funding (CPF) requests submitted by the County of Monterey to Senator Schiff, Senator Padilla, Congressman Panetta, and Congresswoman Lofgren.	3/11/25 and 4/1/25 letters from Senator Laird to Senators Schiff and Padilla and Representatives Lofgren and Panetta
FY26 CPF Request City of Seaside: Fort Ord National Monument Access Improvement Project	The County of Monterey provided a letter to the City of Seaside, addressed to Congressman Panetta, in support of their FY26 Community Project Funding request for the Fort Ord National Monument Access Improvement Project.	3/7/25 Board letter sent to the City of Seaside.
FY26 CPF Request TAMC: SR 156-Castroville Blvd Interchange Project	The County of Monterey provided letters to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) to Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, Congressman Panetta, and Congresswoman Lofgren, in support of their FY26 Community Project Funding request for the State Route 156 -Castroville Boulevard Interchange Project.	3/7/25 Board letters sent to TAMC.
Federal Issue: Impacts of Office of Management and Budget Federal Funding Pause	The County of Monterey letter respectfully urges opposition to any efforts to pause federal funding as noted in the recent memorandum from the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) stating that “Federal agencies must temporarily pause all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance.” Although the memo was rescinded efforts persist.	2/14/25 letter to Senators Padilla and Schiff and Representatives Panetta and Lofgren – copies provided to County delegation, CSAC, RCRC.
Federal Issue: 2025 Budget Coalition: Stabilizing Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding	Due to anticipated shortfalls in federal funding levels to support VOCA, the County of Monterey signed onto a coalition letter to support the delivery and sustainability of critical victim services across 58 counties.	2/14/25 coalition letter of support to Pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Chair Wiener, Chair Gabriel, Chair Richardson, and Chair Ramos