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Honorable Ash Kalra, Chair
California State Assembly Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street, Room 5310
Sacramento, CA 95816

RE: AB 49 (Muratsuchi) Schoolsites: immigration enforcement – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Kalra:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, I write to express our support for measure, Assembly Bill (AB) 49. This bill would prohibit school officials and employees of a local educational agency from allowing an officer or employee of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enter a school for any purpose without providing valid identification, and a valid judicial warrant, a court order, or exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action. If these criteria are met, ICE access should be limited to areas without students. This bill imposes new responsibilities on educational agencies, creating a state-mandated local program. If it results in state-mandated costs, local agencies will be reimbursed following state procedures. The bill is designed to take effect immediately due to its urgency.

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. Building 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 intent to safeguard pupils' right to free public education regardless of their, and their families', immigration status ensuring that our schools are able to provide a safe, secure, and peaceful environment for all pupils will ensure that families in our County will feel safer and more protected. For these reasons, the County of Monterey supports AB 49. 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 Al Muratsuchi
The Honorable John Laird, 17th Senate District
The Honorable Robert Rivas, 29th Assembly District
The Honorable Dawn Addis, 30th Assembly District
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