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March 11, 2009

The Honorable Ted Gaines
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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Dear Assemblyman Gaines,

On March 10, 2009, The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to support AB 268, your legislation to repeal AB 885 Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section of Division 13290) of Division 7 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.

It should also be noted that on February 3, 2009, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman to submit the County of El Dorado's comments to the State Water Resources Control Board on the DEIR and the current proposed onsite wastewater treatment system regulation developed pursuant to the passage of Assembly Bill 885 in September of 2000. "In brief, the proposed regulations exceed the original intent and statutory of AB 885."

The Board of Supervisors has received thousands of communications from constituents opposing AB 885, which as proposed, would require property owners who have a septic system, to pay a \$325 inspection fee that may also require an additional \$500 expense to pump their system prior to the inspection. Residents also would be required to pay an additional \$650 if there is a well on site. If the inspection fails, then homeowners would be forced to pay up to tens of thousands of dollars to replace and upgrade their septic system.

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your introduction of AB 268, repealing legislation (AB 885) that would be excessively costly and burdensome to our constituents in our county and other property owners in the State of California.

Sincerely,

Ron V. Briggs, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

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