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Honorable Lou Correa, Chair
Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments
State Capitol, Room 5052
Sacramento, CA. 95817

Honorable Paul Cook
State Capitol, Room 5164
Sacramento, CA 95817

Honorable Richard Pan
State Capitol, Room 4164
Sacramento, CA 95817

Re: Assembly Bill (AB) 1209 Amended

Dear Senator Correa and Assemblymen Cook and Pan,

This letter is confirmation of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors' strong support of AB 1209 (Amended-Cook and Pan). AB 1209 Amended would restore \$7,300,000 in funding to local County Veteran's Service Offices (CVSO), State grants to counties for veterans outreach programs, grants for Veterans Service Offices and Cal-Vet Connect/Operation Welcome Home.

Each year, since the current conflicts began, 30,000 military men and women are discharged from military service in California. It is beneficial and cost effective for the State to provide returning veterans the assistance in navigating the myriad of Federal, State, local, nonprofit, and private sector benefits and services for which they are eligible.

This Bill is necessary for the County Veterans Service Officers in the State of California to preserve their duties of providing information and help to those veterans who have earned this benefit through their service to our State and Country.

We thank you for your efforts in sponsoring this Bill and acknowledging the importance of this funding to our well-deserved veterans.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Nutting, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors