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August 27, 2012

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 411 (Price) Home Care Services Act of 2012 – Request for Veto

Dear Governor Brown,

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors **is opposed to SB 411 (Price)**. To be truly effective, our Board believes that any effort to address the acts of abuse and fraud against our state's elder and dependent adults must begin at the local level.

In 2006, our Board established an Elder Protection Unit (EPU) Team comprised of representatives from county departments and local agencies who work together to prevent, investigate and prosecute cases of abuse and fraud against our elders and dependent adults. Several of these agencies also provide services and support to the victims of this fraud and abuse. We are currently working to develop a Caregiver Permit proposal that is similar to SB 411 but implemented here, at the local level, where the services are provided and where the response is more immediate, effective and cost efficient. For your reference, information on this proposal is enclosed.

The goal of **SB 411 is not consistent with the State's recent efforts under the realignment of public safety and mental health programs**. To quote some of your recent comments regarding the shift of some services from the state to local government, "And I'd like to devise ways in which authority and responsibility can be left with those who are closest to the problem." Our Board concurs with you in that, "The further you are from a situation or problem, the less you're able to understand it. Instead of dealing with people, you deal with paper." The provisions of SB 411 will generate much paper and effort at the state level for work that is better left to the local agencies.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors respectfully requests your veto of SB 411.

Sincerely,

John R. Knight, Chair
Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado

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