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September 10, 2019

The Honorable Phil Ting  
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6015  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell  
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 109 and SB 109 – Budget Act of 2019 – Support

Dear Chair Ting and Chair Mitchell,

On behalf of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, I write to you to express our strong support for AB 109 and SB 109. These bills include critically needed funding for the County of Sonoma's ongoing recovery efforts from the 2019 Russian River Flood.

In February of 2019, the County experienced devastating storms prompting the worst flood disaster in almost 25 years. The Russian River ultimately crested at 45.4 feet, 13 feet above flood level, damaging or destroying over 2,500 homes and businesses. The damage to local roads and facilities in addition to County response and recovery efforts is currently estimated at over \$58 million with a local share of \$3,676,562. These efforts are in addition to the continued recovery from the 2017 North Bay Wildfires.

The County of Sonoma remains committed to leading our community toward full recovery. During this recent disaster, the County quickly stood up a Local Assistance Center providing much needed support and resources to local residents in addition to leading efforts for curbside debris pick-up. In addition, Sonoma County teams assessed the safety of the flooded areas to determine life and safety protective measures needed in the area.

It is a priority of the Sonoma County Legislative Program to advocate for the allocation of available funds toward local recovery and resiliency efforts. The County of Sonoma respectfully requests your support of our continued recovery.

Sincerely,

DAVID RABBITT, Chair  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

CC: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
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