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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

June 4, 2018

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1026 (Jackson) Dignity at Home and Fall Prevention - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for SB 1026 (Jackson), which would provide funding for injury prevention needs for eligible homeowners and renters, including equipment, services, materials and labor costs.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2018 Legislative Platform that directly supports funding for services that promote health and well-being of seniors, as well as support for family and informal caregivers of seniors, thereby enhancing the quality of life of low-income seniors.

California's age 65 and older population stands at 4 million, which is projected to double to over eight million by 2030. Additionally, the projected average life expectancy has increased to over 81 years for women and over 76 years for men. While seniors are the fastest growing sector of the population in the County, little funding is provided to address overall spectrum of needs faced by individuals as they age.

SB 1026 (Jackson) would provide:

- Information and education on injury prevention to older adults and persons with disabilities
- Referral-related resources and services in the community
- Home environmental assessments and assessments of individual injury prevention needs, including instruction on behavioral, physical, and environmental aspects of injury prevention
- Equipment and injury prevention services

For these reasons, the County is in support of SB 1026 (Jackson). If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,



Cliff Berg

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