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March 27, 2008

The Honorable Wilmer Amina Carter
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2282 (Carter) - As Introduced 2/22/08 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Carter:

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors supports AB 2282, addressing the issue of apportionment of state aid to county superintendents of schools.

AB 2282 establishes fiscal independence for the San Bernardino County Office of Education -- the last remaining large "dependent" county office of education in the state -- by implementing a state, local government and school partnership for the San Bernardino County Office of Education, with San Bernardino County assuming nearly all of the burden.

This legislation will enable the County to commit a permanent annual appropriation in accordance to a memorandum of understanding with the San Bernardino County Office of Education. The State's contribution will be limited only to the funds necessary to maintain the annual K-12 COLA provided for the new base funding level for the San Bernardino County Office of Education.

Due to the unique circumstances of the San Bernardino County Office of Education, a general statute cannot be made applicable, and the enactment of this bill as a special statute is therefore necessary. For these reasons, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County joins with the San Bernardino County Office of Education in support of AB 2282.

Sincerely,

PAUL BIANE
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.