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September 11, 2014

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

RE: AB 935 (Frazier) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

The County of San Bernardino supports AB 935 and respectfully requests your signature. AB 935 would allow California veterans to apply for a "Veteran" designation to appear on their driver licenses or state identification card issued through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

California veterans are eligible for a number of federal, state and local benefits and services such as housing assistance, counseling and educational opportunities. However, accessing these benefits requires veterans to supply a DD Form 214 (DD-214), Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty issued upon a military service member's retirement, separation or discharge from active-duty military. The DD-214 discharge papers serve as verification of service. The document also contains personal information and is impractical to carry around. This often prevents veterans from accessing available veterans' benefits and services.

Forty-seven states currently provide the veterans designation on state-issued driver licenses and identification cards. This provision provides a convenient way to verify military service in order to access earned benefits. This designation could also help law enforcement identify those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or other combat-related ailments.

For this reason, the County of San Bernardino supports AB 935 and urges you to sign the measure into law. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

JANICE RUTHERFORD
Board of Supervisors Chair
Second District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: The Honorable Jim Frazier, California State Assembly