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The Honorable Members  
California State Senate Health Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 1109 (Cox)** - As Introduced February 17, 2010 – **OPPOSE**

Dear Committee Members,

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors has reviewed SB 1109, and respectfully requests your “no” vote when the legislation comes before your committee. This legislation would eliminate existing allocations of tobacco tax revenue under Proposition 10 to state and local county children and families commission accounts and instead requires those funds to be allocated and appropriated to the California Children and Families Commission (CCFC) to provide health care services to children.

SB 1109 will hurt our local children's programs already in place and will undermine the accomplishments of our county commission (San Bernardino County’s First Five Commission). The strength and effectiveness of First Five lies in the local infrastructure created by county commissions intended to address the needs of the local community. SB 1109 would not only eliminate all the Proposition 10 county commissions but also worthwhile programs funded locally for children and early childhood education in favor of a state bureaucracy that directs funding solely toward health care for children.

Local First Five Commissions are already providing effective child development services that benefits children through integrated and coordinated programs that, in addition to health care, addresses child mental and oral health needs, promotes family literacy, expands child care, and addresses school readiness.

For these reasons, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors opposes SB 1109. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lance Larson, the County's Director of Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821. The Board thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

**GARY C. OVITT**  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors