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The Honorable Lois Wolk  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 594 (Wolk)** – As Introduced 2/17/11- **Oppose Unless Amended**

Dear Senator Wolk:

The County of San Bernardino has reviewed SB 594 and must respectfully oppose the bill. The County is concerned that the bill, as introduced, would greatly impact the flexibility to effectively organize and deliver health laboratory services.

During these tough economic times, government agencies must strive to develop more innovative ways to provide services by expanding options instead of imposing limitations. The current bill language is contrary to that rationale and restricts a public agency’s ability to contract services to qualified private laboratories. County public health departments must continue to have the flexibility to determine the most efficient, cost effective and accurate manner to offer services to our residents.

We respectfully request that the following amendments be made to SB 594:

- Remove sections that would require a county’s designated public health laboratory to be operated by a city or county; and
- Remove the expansion of the types of services that must be provided by a county’s designated public health laboratory.

For these reasons, San Bernardino County opposes SB 594 unless it is amended as previously stated. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director, at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

**JOSIE GONZALES**  
Chair  
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors