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April 23, 2014

The Honorable Lou Correa
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1262 (Correa) – as amended April 21, 2014 – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Senator Correa,

The County of San Bernardino respectfully opposes SB 1262 unless the bill is amended. As proposed, this legislation would create regulatory and licensing requirements on medical marijuana cultivation sites and dispensaries. This bill would mandate county health departments to serve as the regulating enforcement agents and would require health department staff to enter facilities to conduct inspections, issue citations and secure samples.

County public health departments lack the expertise, personnel and infrastructure to conduct the enforcement activities outlined in SB 1262. This legislation would divert county health department resources away from core public health mandates, including controlling the spread of communicable disease and protecting and improving the health of our communities.

For the above reasons the County of San Bernardino respectfully opposes SB 1262 unless it is amended to remove mandates on county health departments. 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
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c: Members and Consultants, Senate Health Committee
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