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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 409 (Wilk) – As Amended April 9, 2019 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer, Sr.

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 409, which would make it a crime to transport waste matter, rocks, concrete, asphalt and other materials for the purpose of dumping and further makes it a crime to dump, deposit or receive these materials on private property with the consent of the owner without obtaining required permits or licenses, and increases the fines for illegal dumping.

As the largest county geographically in the contiguous United States, illegal dumping has been a historic problem throughout San Bernardino County. Enforcement is challenging and bad actors often feel they can break the law with little fear of consequences.

SB 409 would provide an effective tool for local agencies to deter such conduct by enabling haulers to face criminal consequences for transporting waste matter for the purpose of unlawful dumping, reflecting in statute that the property owner can only give lawful consent to dump waste matter by following all laws, codes and ordinances of the state or local agency, and increasing penalty fines for dumping of non-commercial quantities of waste matter.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 409. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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