



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

May 12, 2016

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Chair
California Assembly Public Safety Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 867 – (Roth) –As Amended on April 12, 2016 - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Jones-Sawyer:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 867, which would continue to authorize counties to collect funds used to support local emergency medical services systems, pediatric trauma centers, and reimburse hospitals and physicians who provide uncompensated trauma and emergency care to ill and injured patients until January 1, 2027.

Ensuring adequate and stable funding for local EMS agencies and the resources comprising the EMS systems is one of the County's legislative priorities. In 2006, legislation was signed into law authorizing counties to supplement their local EMS Maddy Fund by collecting an additional \$2 penalty on every \$10 assessment on certain criminal and vehicle code violations, 15 percent of which is allocated for pediatric trauma care. This is the only dedicated source of funding for pediatric trauma care. If this legislation is allowed to sunset counties and local EMS systems will lose these dedicated safety net funds.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 867 and respectfully requests your "AYE" vote. 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@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: The Honorable Richard Roth
Honorable Members and Consultants, Assembly Public Safety Committee
County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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