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The Honorable Thomas Umberg Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee 1021 O Street, Room 3240 Sacramento, CA 95814

> Re: AB 1879 (Gipson) – Electronic signatures. As Amended March 7, 2024 – SUPPORT Set to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee – June 4, 2024

Dear Senator Umberg,

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 counties in California, I write in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 1879 by Assemblymember Mike Gipson, which would allow the acceptance of electronic signatures by county assessors.

Counties strive to simplify interactions with local fiscal offices whenever possible. AB 1879 will benefit taxpayers and improve the ability of county assessors to serve their constituents, especially those facing transportation or mobility challenges. The use of electronic signatures will simplify the tasks of local government agencies and alleviate the burdens for taxpayers associated with sending government documents via mail.

It is for these reasons CSAC supports AB 1879 and respectfully requests your AYE vote. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>elawyer@counties.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Eric Lawyer Legislative Advocate

cc:

The Honorable Mike Gipson, California State Assembly Members and Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee Morgan Branch, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus