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The Honorable Alex Padilla
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The Honorable Laphonza Butler
112 Hart Senate Office Building
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172 Cannon House Office Building
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1032 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: *Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act* (H.R. 9076) - Support

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Sacramento County strongly supports the bipartisan *Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act* (H.R. 9076) and urges prompt floor consideration of the bill.

The *Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act* provides additional federal funding and flexibility for counties serving children and their families. In 11 states representing 33.7 percent of the population of children in formal foster care in 2021, county governments are fully or partially responsible for administering the child welfare system: California, Colorado, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. While states vary in their structure of Title IV-B, the program offers county agencies key flexibility to serve families without eligibility requirements with a two-thirds federal match. At just over \$700 million annually, Title IV-B lacks sufficient funding to reach its full potential. H.R. 9076 would make several updates to Title IV-B that improve the child welfare system.

Thank you for your leadership. Please feel free to contact me at deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Elisia De Bord
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