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The Honorable Ed Chau
Chair, Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee
State Capitol, Room 5016
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**Re: SB 347 (Jackson) – State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.
As Introduced February 14, 2017 – SUPPORT
Set to be heard June 27, 2017- Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection
Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Chau:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) writes in support of Senate Bill 347 by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson. This measure would establish a regulatory framework for unmanned aircraft technology and operations in California.

The increased use of unmanned aircraft technology in recent years offers a variation of benefits, but also presents a series of challenges for state and local government regulatory authorities. The lack of clear regulations with this technology has led to multiple problems with the interference with first responders, firefighting efforts, near-collisions with aircrafts, and invasions of privacy. SB 347 takes a critical step in addressing these issues by establishing the State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.

SB 347 creates a comprehensive set of practical and intelligent drone regulations that provide a balance between protecting public safety and privacy, and encouraging innovation and technology. This measure is carefully drafted to protect local and state regulating authority for remotely piloted aircrafts or unmanned aircraft systems as long as the ordinances are consistent with the State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports SB 347 and respectfully requests your **AYE** vote. Should you have any questions regarding our position please do not hesitate to contact me at 916.650.8131 or dkernan@counties.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Darby Kernan'.

Darby Kernan
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson, California State Senate
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