June 6, 2018

The Honorable Mark Stone
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2934 (Stone, M) – Residential lead-based hazard reduction program: county health
         departments: certification.
         As Amended April 26, 2018 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Stone,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state's counties
Writes in support of Assembly Bill 2934, which seeks to increase the supply of persons certified to
conduct lead paint inspections and abatement activities.

All homes built before 1978 are presumed to contain lead paint, and a coalition of ten California
counties and cities in the case of the People of State of California against former lead paint
manufacturers ("Manufacturers"), are estimated to have more than 1.5 million housing units of pre-
1951 housing in need of abatement. In this estimation, there is an anticipated need for additional
inspectors and abatement contractors to implement the abatement plan ordered by the courts. The
goal of AB 2934 is to ensure that there are sufficient certified lead-abatement inspectors and
contractors to abate lead paint in as many homes as possible and in accordance with all applicable
standards.

AB 2934 allows the California Department of Public Health to partner with counties to certify lead-
paint inspectors. By allowing counties to administer this certification, more inspectors will be made
available in counties that have identified a shortage of certified individuals. Without the ability to
increase the amount of those able to inspect and perform the abatement of lead paint, homes will
remain contaminated and a potential hazard.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports AB 2934. Should you have any questions or concerns
about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at jdevencenzi@counties.org or
916.650.8131.

Sincerely,

Jessica Devencenzi
Legislative Representative