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The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 3086
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**Re: AB 2934 (Stone, M) – Residential lead-based hazard reduction program: county health departments: certification.
As Amended April 26, 2018 – SUPPORT
Awaiting Hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee**

Dear Senator Portantino,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state's counties, writes in support of Assembly Bill 2934 by Assembly Member Mark Stone. This measure, as amended, 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 and respectfully requests your **AYE** vote. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Devencenzi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jessica Devencenzi
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Mark Stone, California State Assembly
Members and Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee