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January 16, 2023

The Honorable Alex Padilla
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Laphonza Butler
G-17 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 3154, Access to Federal Tax Information for Child Support
Purposes - Support

Dear Senators Padilla and Butler:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors of California, I support U.S. Senate Bill 3154, the *Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act*.

Sacramento County, a county-based local child support agency (LCSA), is responsible for delivering child support services, helping provide care for children, and addressing the high child poverty rate alongside the other LCSAs in California.

Passage of S. 3154 is necessary for the child support program to continue collection of unpaid child support by intercepting Federal Tax Returns for delinquent child support obligors.

Federal law requires child support agencies to access federal tax information (FTI) for enforcement and establishment purposes including the federal tax refund offset program. The interception of federal tax refunds for payment of child support totaled over \$2.28 billion in 2022. Collections from federal tax return interception totaled more than \$182 million in California. These collections provide deserved, essential income for families in need, and in some cases, reimbursement to government budgets for public assistance expenditures. Children, in California and in the nation, will pay a heavy price if denied child support should this measure not pass prior October 1, 2024.

The County understands and appreciates the need to safeguard FTI. **The County's** child support program and its contractors operate in highly secure environments. The employees and contractors of **the County's** child support agency frequently attend mandatory training to safeguard FTI and extensively investigated. The County is committed to continue this careful protection of FTI.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Child Support Directors' Association
Michael Galano, Holland & Knight