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Honorable Cameron Smyth, Chair
Assembly Committee on Local Government
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for Assembly Bill 2698 (Committee on Local Government): Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Omnibus Bill

Dear Assembly Member Smyth,

On behalf of the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), I am writing to confirm our support for Assembly Bill 2698 (Committee on Local Government). This bill makes important clarifications to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Act of 2000, which is the part of State Law that governs LAFCOs.

These changes are necessary to help clarify and streamline the LAFCO process, ultimately resulting in less ambiguity in the law. In addition to several technical changes, AB 2698 makes notable improvements in the Act's transparency by clarifying terminology and reorganizing provisions within the Act. We are appreciative CALAFCO staff and your Committee staff who worked diligently on this language to ensure there is no substantive change, yet creates a significant increase in the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders.

For these reasons, El Dorado LAFCO supports AB 2698. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please feel free to contact me or our LAFCO staff at (530) 295-2707 if I can provide additional information.

Regards,

Ron Briggs
Chair

cc: Members, Assembly Committee on Local Government
Debbie Michel, Consultant, Assembly Committee on Local Government
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William Chiat, Executive Director, California Association of LAFCOs

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