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July 20, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 614 (Limón) – Area Agencies On Aging: Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia: Training and Services
As amended July 17, 2017
Awaiting hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for AB 614 by Assembly Member Monique Limón, which would – pending an appropriation, as specified – require each Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to maintain an Alzheimer's and dementia specialist to provide information, assistance, referrals, and options counseling to families.

Specifically, AB 614 would require each AAA, through July 1, 2023, to:

1. Maintain an Alzheimer's and dementia specialist to provide information, assistance, referrals, and options counseling to families.
2. Develop an evidence-based or evidence-informed core training program relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia and any additional training based on local needs. This effort would be undertaken in consultation with the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or other community stakeholders with expertise in Alzheimer's research or care, including universities, caregiver organizations, and health care systems.

Further, if the AAA lacks the capacity to maintain an Alzheimer’s specialist, AB 614 would permit the AAA to contract with a qualified local entity to provide the service.

Like many places in the state, Riverside County is home to a growing aging population. We concur that resources to assist families with managing Alzheimer’s would provide much-needed guidance and support in our communities.



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For these reasons, we strongly support AB 614 and urge your positive consideration when it comes before the Senate Appropriations Committee. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Monique Limón, California State Assembly
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