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April 24, 2012

The Honorable Noreen Evans
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Courthouse Facilities – Statute Ch. 311 (2008)

Dear Senator Evans:

Senate Bill 1407 (stats. 2008, ch. 311) established the Immediate and Critical Needs Account of the State Court Facilities Construction Fund authorizing up to \$5 billion in bonds to build or renovate 39 courthouses in 32 counties in California. The Old Solano Courthouse, located on Texas Street in Fairfield, CA is one of the first projects to move forward. To date, the design to refurbish this facility has already been completed and it is anticipated that this project will be included in the fall bond sale with construction commencing in spring 2013.

Due to the growth in the county, there is a need for the expansion of additional courtrooms. The planned improvements will provide additional court facilities and critical upgrades for the safety, security, and accessibility required for your constituents who work and use our court system and also those constituents who come to court as jurors, witnesses, or crime victims.

The state's continued budget crisis has created pressure to divert these funds to other needs.

This critical, job-creating infrastructure effort needs a stable, ongoing commitment. The County of Solano respectfully requests your commitment to ensuring the courthouse facilities construction program continues unimpeded to ensure we continue stimulating the economy by creating much needed jobs in our community.

Thank you for your continued support of the Old Solano Courthouse project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda Seifert", is written over a large, stylized blue scribble that extends across the page.

Linda Seifert
Chair, Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC: Honorable Brad Hill, Chair, Court Facilities Working Group
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