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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1090 (Hurtado) – Family Urgent Response System – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), I write to respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 1090 by Senator Melissa Hurtado. This bill would clarify the populations of youth that are eligible for the Family Urgent Response System (FURS).

FURS was enacted in 2019 and is a coordinated statewide, regional, and county system that provides immediate support to de-escalation and behavioral support interventions for foster youth and their caregivers in times of need. It includes both state-level telephone response and county-level in-home and in-person mobile response. CSAC supported the legislation that established FURS and it has been an effective tool for stabilizing placements and supporting youth, caregivers, and families.

SB 1090 aims to provide clarity regarding who is eligible for these critical services. The legislation that established FURS specified that services were intended for a child or youth served by a county child welfare agency or probation department, a child or youth who has exited foster care to reunification, guardianship or adoption, and provided that the youth be eligible for these services until they reach age 21. SB 1090 clarifies that youth who are the subject of a petition, voluntary agreement, or who have been emancipated would also be eligible for these services. These youth were not intended to be excluded, but the lack of specificity in the law has resulted in some confusion on their eligibility for FURS, and SB 1090 will resolve that issue.

For all of the reasons above, CSAC respectfully requests your signature on SB 1090. Should you or your staff have additional questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 698-5751 or [jgarrett@counties.org](mailto:jgarrett@counties.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senior Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Melissa Hurtado, California State Senate  
Tam Ma, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Newsom  
Robert Smith, California Department of Social Services  
County Welfare Directors Association of California