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Heather Halsey
Executive Director
CA Commission on State Mandates
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Reconsideration of CSAC Request for an Extension to Develop an RRM for Public Records Act (02-TC-10 and 02 TC-51)

Dear Ms. Halsey:

The CA School Boards Association (CSBA) respectfully requests that you reconsider your decision to deny the request made by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for an extension of the April 19, 2013, hearing date to file an amended set of parameters and guidelines for the Public Records Act (PRA) test claim to include a Reasonable Reimbursement Methodology (RRM). We believe there exists a reasonable opportunity to develop a proposed RRM with the Department of Finance and other local government associations, including the CSAC, the League of CA Cities, and the CA Special Districts Association. Each of these associations represents the collective interests of their membership, just as CSBA represents nearly 1,000 school districts and county boards of education.

As you know, the Governor has proposed to suspend the Public Records Act (PRA) beginning with the 2013-14 fiscal year. The Legislative Analyst has recommended that the Legislature deny the Governor's proposal. One benefit of delaying the adoption of the P's and G's is to have enough data by the May Revision to give the Governor and Legislature a better estimate of the potential costs in order to evaluate the impact of a suspension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Meyers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis Meyers, CAE
Assistant Executive Director
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