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The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez  
Chair, Assembly Emergency Management Committee  
1021 O St., 5250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: OPPOSE, AB 40 (Rodriguez) Emergency medical services**

Dear Chairman Rodriguez,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to inform you that we must respectfully oppose AB 40, which would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop an electronic signature for use between the emergency department medical personnel at a receiving facility and the transporting emergency medical personnel that captures the points in time when the hospital receives notification of ambulance arrival and when transfer of care is executed for documentation of ambulance patient offload time, as defined. The bill would require the authority to develop a statewide standard of 20 minutes, 90% of the time, for ambulance patient offload time. The bill would also require the authority to develop an audit tool to improve data accuracy regarding transfer of care, as specified, and to provide technical assistance and funding as needed, subject to an appropriation, for small rural hospitals and volunteer EMS providers to implement these provisions. The bill would require the authority to adopt emergency regulations to implement these provisions on or before March 1, 2024.

More specifically Solano County opposes the March 1, 2024 time target. When it comes to Emergency Medical Services, local control matters, as the day to day actions that keep individuals alive relies on the efficient and effective management of county personnel and resources. As such the time frame is a local matter that is reflective of local circumstances, and they should be allowed to decide time targets as they know the capability of local emergency medical systems far better than the Emergency Medical Services Authority. For the reasons outlined above, the Solano Board of Supervisors must respectfully oppose AB 40.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".  
John M. Vasquez, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors**CC:**

The Honorable Bill Dodd, Senator  
The Honorable Lori D. Wilson, Assemblymember  
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