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The Honorable Chris Holden  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
1021 O St., 5650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: OPPOSE, AB 452 (Addis) Childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations**

Dear Chairman Holden,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to inform you that we must respectfully oppose AB 452, which would eliminate the time limit for the commencement of actions for recovery of damages suffered as a result of childhood sexual assault for civil actions that arise on or after the date when the bill takes effect.

Solano County is committed to taking urgent steps to eradicate the problem of child sexual abuse and make sure that survivors have access to justice. However, this should not be done in a way that destroys the financial solvency of our schools. Eliminating the Statute of limitation altogether will expose schools and other county entities to even more liability than they already face in the wake of AB 218.

Solano County is opposed to AB 452 because legislation extending the time to commence actions, or reviving actions that had otherwise expired, creates a great deal of uncertainty for schools, and the county in general. The unpredictability of litigation, which is made worse by exposing schools to liability stemming from employee conduct that may have occurred decades earlier, makes it very difficult to calculate future liability into budgeting or other financial planning. Also, lawsuits stemming from decades-old incidents could burden schools with substantial, and perhaps even overwhelming, financial obligations.

AB 452 would expose public schools and others to claims of abuse going back 40 years ago or longer. This makes it impossible for employers to effectively defend against claims when evidence is likely gone, witnesses have moved or passed away, and there has been a turnover of staff. Therefore, these barriers have resulted in a substantial diversion of education dollars to finance increased legal costs.

For the reasons above, the Solano County Board of Supervisors must respectfully oppose AB 452.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

Honorable Chris Holden

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