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The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan  
Chairwoman, Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee  
1021 O St., 6320  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: OPPOSE, AB 676 (Bennett) Water, General state policy**

Dear Chairwoman Bauer-Kahan,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to inform you that we must respectfully oppose AB 676, which would provide specific examples of the use of water for domestic purposes.

Current law establishes various state water policies, including the policy that the use of water for "domestic" purposes are the highest use of water and that the next highest use is for "irrigation." AB 676 seeks to amend Water Code Section 106 by example of "domestic" water uses. Passage of AB 676 would be detrimental to Solano County as it would limit the local control and flexibility the county needs to manage its water resources. The County is opposed to AB 676 because Water Code Section 106 is a foundational code section for California's water rights system, and by narrowing the definition of "domestic" use, it limits the flexibility needed for cities, counties, and irrigation districts to successfully adapt to California's climate needs. Additionally, the list of "domestic" water uses, is neither exhaustive nor complete and therefore reduces the opportunity for communities to meet their unique water shortage circumstances.

AB 676 would impede on various water purveyor's ability to continue to serve the counties, cities, and agricultural needs, and restricts the county's ability to develop programs and projects for water reuse, recharge, and conservation. Specifically, Solano County is opposed to AB 676 because it goes against key provisions in the County's Legislative platform. These provisions include (1) to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and (2) the County's interests relative to agricultural resiliency, water supply, and water rights. Solano County is also opposed to AB 460 because it works against the promotion of programs to incentivize new developments to incorporate green infrastructure and water reuse conservation measures.

For these reasons, Solano County must respectfully oppose AB 676.

Sincerely,

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

John M. Vasquez, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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