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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

August 1, 2025

The Honorable Sasha Renee Pérez  
Member of the Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6720  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 805 (Pérez and Wiener) – Crime  
As amended 7/17/2025 – Support  
In Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Dear Senator Pérez:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, I write in support of SB 805, your measure that would require local, state, and federal law enforcement personnel to display visible identification; expand existing statute regarding impersonating a peace officer to include federal law enforcement officers; and require law enforcement agencies operating in the state to maintain and publicly post a written policy on visible identification of sworn personnel.

In recent months, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal agencies have launched numerous immigration enforcement actions across our state, including in the County of Santa Barbara on June 10 and July 10. At its meeting on July 15, the Board of Supervisors held a public discussion on these increased enforcement operations, allowing the Board to review and discuss the events, consider community impacts, and hear from the public. At that meeting, multiple elected officials and approximately 50 members of the public raised serious concerns about the impact of ICE enforcement operations on individuals, families, and the broader community. Many residents expressed frustration, anger, and a desire for greater transparency and accountability in the conduct of federal immigration enforcement activities. Community members expressed widespread fear, which is undermining their trust in government institutions.

The County supports SB 805 because we believe it would facilitate appropriate oversight and accountability during immigration enforcement events and reduce instances of peace officer impersonation. The County is committed to public safety and to the fair and respectful treatment of

all residents, regardless of immigration status. To rebuild and maintain trust between the federal government and our community, transparency is critical. SB 805 is an important piece of legislation that promotes these principles of fairness, respect, and transparency.

Thank you for your leadership on this measure.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Espinosa  
Legislative Advocate

cc: Honorable Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Honorable Members, Santa Barbara County Delegation