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The Honorable Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 275 (Smallwood-Cuevas), Eligible training provider list - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express our support for SB 275 (Smallwood-Cuevas), which seeks to streamline the continued eligibility process for the California Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) and prevent disruptions in workforce training services due to administrative delays.

The ETPL is a critical tool in connecting job seekers with high-quality training programs funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I-B. These programs are essential to meeting California's workforce demands and ensuring individuals have access to skills that lead to sustainable employment. However, the current requirement for training providers to submit continued eligibility documentation every 365 days—rather than on a biennial basis, as permitted under federal guidelines—places an unnecessary burden on providers, local workforce boards, and the Employment Development Department (EDD).

This issue is further compounded by delays in EDD's review process, which frequently results in providers being removed from the ETPL through no fault of their own. In some cases, entire regions have lost all their eligible providers due to administrative backlogs, limiting access to vital workforce training programs. SB 275 offers a commonsense solution by shifting the review period to a biennial cycle and ensuring that providers remain on the ETPL while their applications are under review.

Kern County is committed to strengthening workforce development opportunities for our residents and businesses. By reducing administrative barriers and ensuring training continuity, SB 275 will help us better support job seekers, local employers, and economic growth. We appreciate your leadership on this issue and urge the Legislature's full support for this important measure.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Leticia Perez".

Leticia Perez, Chair
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
Honorable Members, Kern Legislative Delegation
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