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**Coalition of Counties and Cities Respond to AB 6, Opioid Litigation**

SACRAMENTO – The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and League of California Cities remain in opposition to [AB 6](#) (Reyes), authorizing the Attorney General to enter into a settlement agreement with opioid manufacturers on the state’s behalf.

AB 6 includes a deeply flawed “experiment” that would greatly expand the powers of the Attorney General. Local governments have been leading the charge in relation to opioid litigation since 2014 to pursue relief for the damages caused in our communities by the opioid manufacturers. This legislation would cut local governments out of the settlement negotiations and could severely hamper the possibility of meaningful settlements in existing lawsuits. Local governments must be a north star in any successful settlement agreement to help California’s communities heal from the severe devastation caused by opioids.

*California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is the voice of California’s 58 counties at the state and federal level.*

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