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May 15, 2017

The Honorable Patricia C. Bates  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 305  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: May Revision Continues to Delay Implementation of Proposition 51**

Dear Senator Bates:

The Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH), is one of the two co-sponsors of Proposition 51, the 2016 State School Bond that was passed 55.2% to 44.8%, which was with 1.4 million more "yes" votes than "no" votes.

CASH is disappointed that the May Revision continues the Department of Finance's bond sale schedule that delays the voters' clear desire to assure all kids and teachers have access to safe, quality classrooms as soon as possible. Our kids and teachers should not have to wait longer for access to safe, quality classrooms.

This delay means project applications that already have been submitted by school districts in your region might not be funded until 2020. The kids should not have to wait that long. Already, some projects that will help kids and teachers have been delayed for more than four years because of a lack of state matching funds. Attached is the list of projects in your legislative district that are awaiting Proposition 51 funding.

School districts have submitted applications awaiting \$2.4 billion in state matching funds from Proposition 51, and this backlog continues to grow each month. The delay for already submitted projects also means that future projects will face significant delay. School districts and local taxpayers have made significant local investments to move these projects forward and submit complete applications to the state. These local investments are important for the kids and teachers in their communities.

***CASH Recommendations***

CASH urges you and the Legislature to stop the delay that hurts kids, teachers, and taxpayers. Please get these projects moving by providing additional staff to the Office of Public School Construction in the FY 2017-18 budget to meet reasonable timelines to fund the backlog.

CASH also urges the Legislature to include in the budget negotiations process with the Administration a request for an increase in the Spring 2018 bond sale from approximately \$300 million to \$1.0 billion. This will begin to address the \$2.4 billion backlog of school projects.

Sincerely,

David Walrath

### New Construction Project List

District	County	Site Name	50-04 Date Received	Estimated State Grant (a)	Estimated Financial Hardship (b)	Senate District	Senator
Capistrano Unified	Orange	San Clemente High	10/25/16	\$ 8,245,250	\$ -	36	Patricia Bates
Capistrano Unified	Orange	San Juan Hills High	10/25/16	\$ 7,787,489	\$ -	36	Patricia Bates

**\$ 16,032,739**

### Modernization Project List

District	County	Site Name	50-04 Date Received	Estimated State Grant (a)	Estimated Financial Hardship (b)	Senate District	Senator
Oceanside City Unified	San Diego	Burgener (Clair W.) Academy	03/01/13	\$ 584,737	\$ -	36	Patricia Bates
Saddleback Valley Unified	Orange	La Tierra Elementary	10/26/15	\$ 1,616,860	\$ -	36	Patricia Bates
Saddleback Valley Unified	Orange	Mission Viejo High	11/23/16	\$ 3,923,522	\$ -	36	Patricia Bates
Saddleback Valley Unified	Orange	Trabuco Hills High	11/29/16	\$ 2,106,288	\$ -	36	Patricia Bates

**\$ 8,231,407**

**Combined Project Total: \$24,264,146**