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October 2, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for Veto of SB 486 (Hurtado)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully request your veto of Senate Bill 486 (Hurtado), which requires the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) to hold all state football championship games at a neutral location.

This bill is a direct response to Orland High School beating Shafter High School in the 2022 CIF state championship game. Orland went undefeated that year and earned the right to hold home field advantage in the title game. SB 486 is attempting to undermine the on-field success of the home team by removing their earned advantage of playing at home in front of their home crowd.

The CIF is recognized by California law as a self-governing entity. The member schools have the ability to assess and determine any rule changes that the Federation then votes on. If the member schools feel that the usage of neutral sites is necessary, they have the authority to propose, vote on, and then implement such a rule. It is inappropriate for the Legislature to involve itself in CIF affairs when current law recognizes the CIF as an independent entity with its own rulemaking process.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Dahle".

Brian Dahle, Senator
1st Senate District