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Hon. Bill Lockyer  
Attorney General  
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Attention: Ms. Tricia Knight  
Initiative Coordinator

Dear Attorney General Lockyer:

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9005, we have reviewed the proposed initiative cited as the "Bill of Overridance." The measure specifies that "any bill passed to law by a majority vote in one state shall override any existing contradictory law in Congress." The other provisions of the measure do not appear to change existing law.

Under the U.S. Constitution's supremacy clause and court interpretation, federal laws supercede laws enacted by the state. Thus, we estimate that this measure would have no fiscal impact on state and local government.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth G. Hill  
Legislative Analyst

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B. Timothy Gage  
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