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RE: AB 2434 (Bloom): Health in All Policies Program (Support)

Dear Dr. Smith:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Semiannual Business Meeting on May 9, 2018 to recommend a Support position on AB 2434 (Bloom), a bill that would establish in statute the Health in All Policies Program within the Strategic Growth Council. The Health in All Policies (HiAP) Program, would be responsible for incorporating health, equity, and sustainability considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.

CCLHO recommends a support position on AB 2434 as this bill would codify in statute the existing HiAP Program, initiated through Executive Order, and highlights the importance of HiAP in helping address both the social determinants of health and health equity. AB 2434 further specifies HiAP goals that promote the public's health, including:

- Advance the Strategic Growth Council's goals, including promoting public health, increasing the availability of affordable housing, planning resilient, sustainable communities, and meeting the state's climate change goals;
- Incorporate health and equity into decision-making processes pursuant to state priorities;
- Coordinate public health and equity efforts across government agencies, including building the capacity of government entities to promote health and equity through existing programs; and
- Support health and equity in local communities by providing training and capacity building to local and regional government entities in developing and implementing local and regional plans.

CCLHO supports these goals, and further recommends that the HiAP Program provide training to state government entities, in addition to local and regional entities.

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Sincerely and on behalf of the CCLHO membership,

*Original signed by Dr. Ken Cutler*

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