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Re: AB 823 (Chau): Edible Marijuana Products: Labeling (Support)

Dear Dr. Smith:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Board Meeting on July 6, 2017 to take a Support recommendation on AB 823 (Chau), a bill that would amend the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) by requiring specific requirements for the universal symbol marked on edible cannabis products not sold as a liquid, loose bulk good, or powder. These requirements include size and placement requirements, including that the symbol shall be at least 25 percent of the cannabis servings height or width.

CCLHO supports requiring a universal symbol imprint for cannabis on each individual serving of an edible cannabis product. This requirement will help ensure that if the product is removed from its packaging, it is still identifiable as a cannabis product with THC content. AB 823 thus aligns with CCLHO's support of uniform cannabis labeling requirements to prevent accidental consumption.

As you know, CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now the California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, and commissions, as well as officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

This position of support for AB 823 is consistent with CCLHO's legislative priority of providing recommendations on population-based issues affecting the health of Californians. AB 823 also aligns with CCLHO's strategic priority of providing advice and scientific expertise on public health matters.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ken.Cutler@co.nevada.ca.us or at 530-265-7154.

Sincerely and on behalf of the CCLHO membership,

Original signed by Dr. Ken Cutler

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