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The Honorable Susan Eggman  
Chair, Senate Health Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8530  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1057 (Weber) California Home Visiting Program - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Eggman,

The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers of California's sixty-one city and county jurisdictions, supports AB 1057, which would grant local health departments flexibility to administer the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) to equitably meet the needs of our communities.

Currently, CDPH allows only three evidence-based models to be administered in CHVP, while the federal MIECHV Program allows 20 evidence-based models to be administered. The different models in the MIECHV program allow for a range of options for supporting families with young children. Some families may prefer a more community-based approach, while others may benefit more from a model that provides intensive clinical support. For example, the Family Spirit model was designed in collaboration with tribal communities, and is grounded in the cultural strengths and values of American Indian and Alaskan Native communities.

HOAC is dedicated to promoting practices that improve the health of all Californians. By offering a variety of evidence-based models, California's home visiting program can better meet the diverse needs of families and communities and improve maternal and child health outcomes. For these reasons, HOAC strongly supports AB 1057 and requests your "aye" vote on this important measure.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Health Officers Association of California