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The Honorable Dave Cortese  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 10 (Cortese) Pupil opioid overdose prevention and treatment - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Cortese,

The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers of California's sixty-one and county jurisdictions, supports your SB 10 which would add opioid overdose to the list of requirements a school safety plan has to account for in its protocol.

Health officers protect public health in their communities through disease prevention, emergency preparedness, health education and promotion, regulating environmental hazards, and advocating for programs that promote health equity. SB 10 will help strengthen school emergency preparedness by adding a protocol for opioid overdose, which was responsible for 1 in 5 youth deaths in California last year. Comprehensive safety plans are ensuring that students are safe and protected while at school. SB 10 will help create a safe and healthy learning environment that students feel comfortable learning and growing in.

HOAC is dedicated to promoting practices that improve the health of all Californians. For these reasons, HOAC supports SB 10 and thanks you for introducing this important measure.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Health Officers Association of California