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

**RE: AB 254 (Bauer-Kahan) Confidentiality of Medical Information Act:  
reproductive or sexual health application information – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Talamantes 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 254 which would revise the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA) include reproductive or sexual health application information in the definition of medical information.

The information that users store on reproductive or sexual health applications can be highly personal and sensitive. Users may input intimate details about their sexual activity, menstrual cycles, contraception methods, fertility status, intimate partner violence, and pregnancy plans. Ensuring the confidentiality of this information is essential to respect and protect individuals’ privacy rights. Confidentiality is crucial in creating a safe environment where users can freely explore and address their reproductive and sexual health concerns without the fear of stigma or discrimination. If the information stored is not confidential, it can also jeopardize users’ personal safety.

HOAC is dedicated to promoting practices that improve the health of all Californians. For these reasons, HOAC supports AB 254 and respectfully requests your “aye” vote on this important measure.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Health Officers Association of California