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Assemblymember Mia Bonta, Chair
Assembly Health Committee
1020 N Street, Room 390
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 870 (Hadwick) Children’s Services – Support

Dear Assemblymember Bonta,

On behalf of the Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers of California’s sixty-one city and county jurisdictions, we write today to express our support for AB 870 (Hadwick).

The California Children’s Services (CCS) program serves the needs of low-income disabled children whose parents cannot afford to pay for their complex medical care. In very small counties, where the number of CCS cases is also very small, providing specialized staff to provide these services can be a challenge. AB 870 allows counties with a population of fewer than 2,000 people to designate a larger county to provide their CCS services, provided the larger county agrees and meets certain requirements.

This measure will guarantee that low-income children in very small counties can access quality health services while removing administrative barriers. Accordingly, California’s health officers express strong support for AB 870. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Kat DeBurgh, MPH
Executive Director
Health Officers Association of California