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The Honorable Susan Eggman
State Capitol, Room 4117
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: HOAC Supports Assembly Bill 1219

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Dear Assemblymember Eggman:

Eric G. Handler, MD, MPH
Secretary
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The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers of California's sixty-one city and county jurisdictions, supports AB 1219 (Eggman). This bill would increase the availability of food to vulnerable people by expanding the groups of organizations that can donate and receive food.

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Food insecurity remains a challenge facing many Californians, yet there is an abundance of food that goes to waste because prospective donors fear liability in the event their charitable goods cause illness. Donation provides a vital link connecting those with a surplus of food and those who are hungry. If there are organizations willing to donate wholesome food to fill an unmet need in their communities, the burden of food insecurity warrants that we reduce barriers discouraging such generosity.

Bela T. Matyas, MD, MPH
Solano County

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HOAC is dedicated to promoting practices that improve the health of California's residents and believes AB 1219 would be a step forward for our state. Should you have any questions regarding our position on this matter, I invite you to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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Sincerely,

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