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The Honorable Bill Quirk, PhD.
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RE:HOAC Supports AB 1596

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers of California's sixty-one city and county jurisdictions, supports your AB 1596, related to the safe cleanup of sites that held fentanyl laboratories.

While fentanyl production is a large problem in California, the state has not yet adopted statewide standards for their cleanup. Currently, local governments are cleaning these sites without any consistent standards to address the ongoing and future environmental and human health concerns regarding the toxic nature of the laboratory ingredients. Your bill, modeled on the Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act, updates the law to ensure that properties contaminated with fentanyl are safely decontaminated before being rented or sold.

As the bill will require local health officers to post a written notice containing specific information on property that is potentially contaminated by fentanyl or other illicit drugs, HOAC is closely connected to this legislation.

Thank you for introducing this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kat DeBurgh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kat DeBurgh, MPH

Executive Director