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The Honorable Susan Eggman  
State Capitol, Room 3173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: **HOAC Supports AB 186**

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Dear Assemblymember Eggman:

Eric G. Handler, MD, MPH  
Secretary  
Orange County

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 186, a harm reduction pilot program to allow certain counties to establish supervised consumption services.

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This bill allows local governments to use new tools to work toward health equity and fight communicable disease. Supervised consumption services will decrease rates of HIV, hepatitis C, and fatal overdose in one of our state's most vulnerable populations: people who are addicted to drugs. Addiction is a complex issue. Public health officials are fighting our state's drug use epidemic using a variety of tools, including education, prevention, treatment, and access to care. AB 186 allows counties with the highest burden of addiction to use the tools that will work best in that environment.

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Thank you for introducing this important measure.

Claudia Jonah, MD  
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Sincerely,

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