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The Honorable Monique Limón  
State Capitol, Room 6031  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: HOAC Supports AB 388**

Dear Assemblymember Limón:

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 388, which implements the Healthy Brain Initiative.

As our state confronts a projected 29 percent increase in the population affected by Alzheimer's over the next five years, it's critical to establish the statewide public health infrastructure today in order to meet future demand. Public health has a successful track record of intervening with other chronic conditions, including cancer, diabetes and heart disease. In fact, since 2000, deaths from heart disease have decreased by 14 percent while deaths from Alzheimer's have increased by 89 percent. Today, Alzheimer's is the second leading cause of death in California and first among women (as reported by CDPH California Community Burden of Disease).

This bill provides a framework for action for local public health departments, encouraging local solutions to reach underserved and underrepresented communities disproportionately impacted by Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Thank you for introducing this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kat DeBurgh".

Kat DeBurgh, MPH  
Executive Director