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The Honorable Adrin Nazarian  
State Capitol, Room 4146  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**RE: HOAC Supports Assembly Bill 727**

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Dear Assemblymember Nazarian:

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 AB 727 (Nazarian). This bill would clarify that counties may provide housing assistance to those in programs funded by the Mental Health Services Act, thereby extending access to stable housing to some of our state's most vulnerable residents.

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The links between housing and health are clear. Programs intended to help individuals and families in need have a far more meaningful impact when those accessing supportive services have housing. Recognizing that stable and safe housing are key to the recovery and rehabilitation of many who are living with serious mental illnesses, the health officers support AB 727 because it would position counties to better eliminate housing as a barrier to achieving optimal health.

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 727 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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