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The Honorable Shirley Weber  
State Capitol, Room 3123  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**RE: HOAC Supports Assembly Bill 841 (Weber)**

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Dear Assemblymember Weber:

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 841 (Weber). This bill would prohibit the advertisement of many junk foods and unhealthy beverages on public school grounds during school hours.

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The health officers support AB 841 in recognition of the obesity epidemic and its adverse health effects. Children and adolescents often spend most of their time on school grounds. The products advertised there are the products students are likely to want and consume. As such, marketing junk foods and unhealthy beverages in schools negatively impacts the eating habits of students and undermines the health promotion efforts of parents and schools. By eliminating this practice, we can encourage healthy dietary practices among our youth and better prevent obesity.

Bela T. Matyas, MD, MPH  
Solano County

Kenneth Cutler, MD, MPH  
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HOAC is dedicated to promoting practices that improve the health of California's residents and believes AB 841 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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