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

RE: **HOAC Supports AB 362**

Dear Assemblymember Eggman:

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 362, a harm reduction pilot program to allow San Francisco to establish supervised consumption services.

This bill allows San Francisco to create a program that will 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 362 allows San Francisco to use one more important tool in their struggle against disease, overdose, and death.

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