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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**RE: HOAC Opposes Senate Bill 384 (Wiener)**

Nichole Quick, MD, MPH  
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Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez-Fletcher:

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, opposes SB 384 (Wiener). Allowing the hours for alcohol sales to be extended would strain health and safety resources while giving the alcohol industry an opportunity to profit at the public's expense.

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The U.S. Community Prevention Services Task Force, comprised of numerous public health experts and chaired by former health officer for the County of Los Angeles, Dr. Jonathan Fielding, recommended against allowing alcohol to be purchased beyond the current hours of service. Research produced by the Task Force indicated that extending hours of service by two or more hours increased traffic accidents, incidents of alcohol-related assaults and injuries, and emergency room admissions. SB 384 would have a host of unintended public health and safety consequences. These increases in alcohol-related problems would result in an increased demand for law enforcement and emergency response, coming at a burden to local agencies and the communities they serve.

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HOAC is dedicated to improving the health of California's residents and believes SB 384 would be harmful to our state. Should you have any questions regarding our position on this matter, I invite you to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Karen I. Relucio, MD  
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Sincerely,

Kat DeBurgh, MPH  
Executive Director

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cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener

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