Date

Senator Member Anthony Portantino

Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee

State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: **Senate Bill 872 (Dodd): Pharmacies: mobile units: Support**

Dear Senator Portantino,

On behalf of (ORGANIZATION), I am writing to express support for Senate Bill 1049. If enacted, this legislation will allow a county, or a city and county, to operate a licensed mobile pharmacy staffed to provide medications, vaccines, and related services to vulnerable populations who lack access to health services including individuals experiencing homelessness.

People experiencing homelessness, and those who lack transportation and financial means to obtain medications from fixed pharmacy locations, often simply go without their medications. While the law allows physicians to practice in a mobile setting, the law is much more limited regarding pharmacies. This leads to situations where a person has been seen by a doctor, has prescription in hand, but either lacks transportation or access to a pharmacy to fill their prescription. Key demographics never receive their medication because they are unable to obtain the transportation needed to go to a pharmacy. This bill looks to expand existing law by providing counties with the ability to get much needed health services to vulnerable populations.

For the reasons stated, (ORGANIZATION) is pleased to support SB 872 and appreciate your leadership on the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,