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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1342 (Bates) – Aging multidisciplinary personnel teams – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), I write to respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 1342 by Senator Patricia Bates. This bill would authorize counties to create a multidisciplinary personnel team to allow information sharing among entities providing services to older adults.

Through the Master Plan for Aging, California is undertaking a number of key initiatives to ensure the growing number of older adults in our state can receive the needed supports and services. The range of services available to older adults are provided by numerous entities, including multiple county departments and non-profit organizations in the community. In order to ensure equitable and accessible service delivery, it is important to have coordination and collaboration among all these entities.

SB 1342 would allow for information sharing and coordination through the authorization of aging multidisciplinary personnel teams (MDTs). These MDTs would be modeled off the MDTs that were created by AB 210 (Chapter 544, Statutes of 2017) for coordination among delivery of homelessness services. County departments and aging services providers would be able to share information about older adults receiving services in order to improve service delivery, increase coordination, and support integrated case management. There would be important privacy protections for this data sharing. The creation of MDTs would support the Master Plan goals to achieve a no wrong door approach and single point of entry for aging services.

For all of the reasons above, CSAC respectfully requests your signature on SB 1342. Should you or your staff have additional questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 698-5751 or jgarrett@counties.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Justin Garrett
Senior Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Patricia Bates, California State Senate
Tam Ma, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Newsom
Adam Willoughby, California Department of Aging