



FLOOR ALERT

To: Members of the California State Assembly
Date: August 25, 2022
Re: **Senate Bill 1186 (Wiener) – Request for a No Vote**

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), and the Urban Counties of California (UCC), we ask for your **no vote** on SB 1186 (Wiener), which would severely undermine local decision-making under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA). The ability of local jurisdictions to regulate business entities participating in their local area was central to the passage of both the original Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA) and Proposition 64, and is consequently integral to the combined MAUCRSA. SB 1186 would disregard both this intent, and the reality that local jurisdictions in California have vastly different needs by requiring the approval of medical cannabis delivery and non-store front retail in every county and city in California.

- SB 1186 eliminates a local jurisdiction's ability to prohibit medical cannabis retail activities, regardless of the needs or conditions in the jurisdiction.
- SB 1186 impairs local control in jurisdictions that permit cannabis medical retail by establishing limitations on counties' and cities' regulatory authority impacting existing and future local ordinances, which have been developed in the public process.
- The broad and entirely open-ended definition of “reasonable” in the bill is little more than a recipe for unending litigation for many years to come. Litigators will profit – communities and cannabis businesses will not.
- A small county or city cannot recover its regulatory costs with just one or two medical storefront facilities or delivery operations (which is likely the capacity a small jurisdiction market can support), requiring the redirection of general fund from core services to cannabis programs.

SB 1186 disregards local government concerns and undermines the work of over 200 jurisdictions that have moved forward with cannabis regulatory structure. For these reasons, we respectfully request your **NO vote** on SB 1186. Counties and cities stand ready to partner on a collaborative solution that involves local government and industry working together with the legislature to develop pathways to expand retail access across California while respecting local land use authority. For questions, contact Sarah Dukett (RCRC) at sdukett@rcrcnet.org, Ada Waelder (CSAC) at awaelder@counties.org, Elisa Arcidiacono (Cal Cities) at earcidiacono@calcities.org and Josh Gauger (UCC) at jdq@hbeadvocacy.com.