



April 25, 2023

The Honorable Matt Haney
California State Assembly, District 17
1021 O St., Room 5310
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 24 (Haney) Emergency response: opioid antagonist kits
As Amended April 25, 2023 – Removal of Opposition**

Dear Assemblymember Haney:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the Urban Counties of California (UCC), and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) write to remove our opposition to AB 24 (Haney), which would require various “designated facilities,” including public libraries, that receive an opioid antagonist kit from the California Department of Public Health to place the kit in areas of the facility that are readily accessible to employees.

Counties are on the front lines of the opioid crisis and continue to provide a full continuum of community-based prevention and treatment services for individuals living with substance use disorders. We are encouraged by recent amendments made to AB 24 on April 13, 2023, exempting public employees and entities from civil penalties and previous amendments expressing that a facility and employee liability shall not be held criminally or civil liable.

The amendments made today address our remaining concerns by clarifying that AB 24 does not establish a special relationship or duty to render emergency treatment between a designated facility or any employee thereof and any person experiencing an opioid overdose or suspected opioid overdose, that does not exist under current law. The amendments allow our organizations to remove our opposition.

We extend our sincere appreciation to you and committee staff for working with us to address our concerns. Should you have any questions, please contact us at the email addresses below.

Sincerely,

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