



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES
OF CALIFORNIA

August 11, 2023

The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O St., Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 636 (Cortese) – Removal of Opposition
As Amended June 21, 2023**

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we are removing our opposition to SB 636 (Cortese), which would require psychologist or physician who conducts workers' compensation utilization review (UR) for private employers to be licensed in California.

While the bill exempts public agencies from licensing requirement for physicians, provisions requiring UR physicians to have the same duty of care to the employee as a treating physician would impact public employers.

The June 21 amendments addressed our concerns by removing the duty of care provisions. The amendments allow our organization to remove our opposition.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at sdukett@rcrcnet.org or (916) 447-4806.

Sincerely,

SARAH DUKETT
Policy Advocate

cc: The Honorable Dave Cortese, Member of the California State Senate
Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee
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