

Local Governments, Community clinics, hospitals, senior care providers, doctors, and other health providers

<u>STILL</u> urge:

NO on Senate Bill 525

Despite recent discussions of proponents and opponents making progress on the bill, California's community clinics, hospitals, senior care providers, doctors, and other health providers maintain opposition to the current version of SB 525. This massive, unfunded mandate would cost health care providers \$8 billion annually leading to service cutbacks and closures; jeopardizing patient access to care. SB 525 would:

- Increase Healthcare Costs by \$8 Billion Annually: SB 525's \$8 billion in higher costs will mean higher insurance costs and higher costs and higher co-pays for consumers already struggling with the high cost of living. This increase hurts disadvantaged communities the hardest.
- Reduces Access to Critical Healthcare Services: SB 525 increases costs for free clinics, reproductive health clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, physicians' offices, ambulatory surgery centers and all providers and will mean deeper cuts and more closures, hurting the most vulnerable Californians.
- Lead to Fewer Healthcare Jobs: With so many health care providers already underwater, SB 525 will reduce employment opportunities statewide. The reductions in services and increased costs will create an unintended effect where health care workers lose their jobs – jeopardizing patient care.
- Treat Workers Inequitable: SB 525 arbitrarily picks winners and losers by raising income for a select few in the healthcare sector while increasing costs for workers in all other non-healthcare sectors.
- Increase State and Local Government Costs by \$2 Billion Annually: SB 525 is an unfunded mandate that will collectively increase costs for the states, cities, counties, special districts, and school districts by \$771 million annually.

For these reasons, we urge lawmakers to reject SB 525.

Health

California Primary Care Association California Hospital Association Latinx Physicians of California California Medical Association California Children's Hospital Association Association of California Healthcare Districts California Assisted Living Association California Dialysis Council LeadingAge California **District Hospital Leadership Forum** Alliance of Catholic Health Care **ACC Senior Services** America's Physician Groups CalPACE **Barton Health** California Ambulatory Surgery Association California Association for Health Services at Home California Clinical Laboratory Association California Chapter of the American College of Cardiology California Podiatric Medical Association California Orthopaedic Association California Opioid Maintenance Providers California Radiological Society **California Society of Plastic Surgeons** California Rheumatology Alliance Children's Hospital of Orange County California Society of Anesthesiologists **Community Medical Centers** Kaweah Delta Health Care District Mayers Memorial Hospital District Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California Palo Verde Hospital Pediatric Day Health Care Coalition **PIH Health** Scripps Health Seneca Healthcare District **Private Essential Access Community Hospitals** Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center United Hospital Association Unique Healthcare for Women Valley Children's Healthcare 6Beds, Inc.

Local Government

California State Association of Counties Rural County Representatives of California Urban Counties of California

Senior

California Senior Advocates League

Education

University of California Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities Southern California University of Health Sciences

Public Safety

California State Sheriffs' Association

Business & Taxpayer

California Chamber of Commerce California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce California Taxpayers Association California Retailers Association NFIB California California Medical Business Services **Orange County Business Council** Silicon Valley Leadership Group San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Fontana Chamber of Commerce Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Oceanside Chamber of Commerce Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Valley Industry & Commerce Association Ventura County Taxpayers Association Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Los Angeles County Business Federation La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce Gateway Chambers Alliance Pacific Association of Building Service Contractors