



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

May 15, 2019

The Honorable Monique Limón
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 388 (Limón) – As amended March 26, 2019 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Limón:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 388 which would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to implement action agenda items of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Healthy Brain Initiative, coordinate a statewide public awareness campaign, and establish a pilot program to support county initiatives to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Currently, 2.2 million Californians are directly impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Cognitive decline, ranging from mild cognitive impairment to dementia, can have significant and costly implications for an individual's overall health and wellbeing. Last year, the Medi-Cal program spent \$3.8 billion on beneficiaries living with Alzheimer's, yet the bulk of costs were incurred by families paying out-of-pocket for long-term services and supports.

The CDC Healthy Brain Initiative details a comprehensive, multidisciplinary path forward in promoting cognitive health, addressing cognitive impairment, and meeting needs of caregivers. By strengthening state and local public health capacity, developing partnerships, and integrating cognitive health into existing public health efforts, California can make progress in reducing risk for cognitive decline amongst our residents.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports AB 388. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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