Date

Honorable (Senator’s name), District (#)

California State Capitol, Room (office #)

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 784 (Becker) - Opposed

Senator (Name),

I write to you as your constituent in opposition to SB 784, a bill that is likely to be up for your vote in the very near future. I and the entire physician community need your help to protect my medical practice as well as the healthcare of my patients, many of whom are citizens in your district.

SB 784 would allow for permanent exemptions to the Corporate Bar for health care districts, as written it would create a dangerous precedent for patients and physicians across the state.

The bill was introduced to allow the El Camino Hospital District to directly employ physicians in the name of increasing access to care. However, the bill is not specific to that district and would therefore allow any healthcare district to apply for and be granted a permanent exemption from the Corporate Bar. A hospital district’s inability to come to a negotiated contract with doctors is not a reason to undermine longstanding patient protections, which provide patients with the peace of mind that when they see their doctor, the doctor is focused on their care, not the profits or interests of an employer.

SB 784 does not solve the problem of getting physicians into communities that need care. Instead, it would wipe away long-standing protections safeguarding patients and providers from ulterior motives such as profits, shifting cultural and political pressures and faith-based beliefs. In addition, the safeguards in the bill are not strong enough to protect physicians from the undue influence of a corporate entity that holds their privileges, credentials, and ability to practice medicine.

For these critical reasons, I urge you to vote NO on SB 784.

Sincerely,

Name

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Contact information