Date

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

California State Capitol, Room (office #)

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 784 (Becker) - Opposed

Dear Senator,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As a concerned constituent and an active member of the physician community, I am reaching out to express my deep reservations about SB 784, which I understand is set to come before you very soon.

SB 784 aims to provide permanent exemptions to the Corporate Bar for healthcare districts. Although its intentions may be grounded in increasing accessibility to care, the wide-reaching implications of this bill could potentially pose a significant risk to both patients and physicians alike, not just in our district but throughout our state.

While the bill was initially proposed to enable El Camino Hospital District to directly employ physicians, its scope is not confined to that particular district. As such, the bill's provisions would apply universally, permitting any healthcare district to seek and secure a permanent exemption from the Corporate Bar.

I firmly believe that challenges in negotiating contracts with doctors should not undermine the enduring patient protections that are so integral to our healthcare system. These protections reassure patients that their physicians prioritize their care over any corporate profits or interests.

Contrary to its stated purpose, SB 784 does not offer a viable solution to the pressing issue of attracting physicians to communities desperately in need of medical care. Instead, it threatens to erode the long-established protections that shield both patients and providers from potential conflicts of interest, such as profits, shifting cultural and political pressures, and faith-based beliefs.

Moreover, the bill lacks robust safeguards to adequately protect physicians from the undue influence of a corporate entity that controls their privileges, credentials, and their very ability to practice medicine.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge you to consider the potential consequences of this bill on our healthcare system and vote NO on SB 784.

Your support in preserving the integrity of patient care and protecting the physician community is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Name

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Contact information