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Hon. Governor Edmund "Jerry" G. Brown, Jr.  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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**Re: PLEASE SIGN AB 1667 (WILLIAMS): MAKE TB SCREENING IN SCHOOLS  
CONSISTENT**

Dear Governor Brown:

**The Board of Directors of the California Academy of Preventive Medicine (CAPM) has voted to support AB 1667.** This bill is a logical measure that will bring TB screening practices for school staff, including teachers, into consistency with the recently changed law for TB screening of students.

The California Academy of Preventive Medicine is the state medical specialty society for physicians in the field of public health and prevention. It includes physicians who are experts about communicable disease control, including tuberculosis. We are pleased to join with the sponsor, the Health Officers Association of California, in supporting this bill.

Due to the success in control measures for tuberculosis, annual TB testing of all school employees is no longer necessary. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend targeted rather than universal testing. By limiting testing to those whose questionnaires suggest high risk, testing expenses can be saved, and false positive tests in low-risk individuals can be avoided. This bill also changes annual mandatory screening to every four years, saving additional money. There is furthermore no requirement for annual chest x-rays for those who test positive, which will reduce unnecessary radiation exposure. The California Department of Public Health can assure adequate screening by directing the content of the questionnaire.

Please sign this bill into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald O. Lyman, M.D." in dark ink.

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