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Assembly Member Kevin Mullin
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RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1437

Dear Assembly Member Mullin:

The Board of Directors of the California Academy of Preventive Medicine (CAPM) has voted to support your bill, AB 1437. This bill is an important step to reducing antibiotic resistance, which can be transmitted from livestock and poultry that are unnecessarily fed antibiotics without having clinical infections.

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 knowledgeable in the area of infectious diseases and antibiotic resistance.

The feeding of antibiotics to farm animals, not for therapeutic veterinary purposes but as a growth stimulant, threatens to make some of our current antibiotics useless for treating human infections. This practice is a threat to public health, and causes more harm than good to the public. This bill would restrict the administration of antibiotics to therapeutic uses consistent with veterinary practice.

Please assure that our Academy is listed as a supporter, in staff reports for committees and house votes. Any time that the wording of the bill changes sufficiently to require a new letter of support, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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

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