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Assembly Member Isadore Hall

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RE: SUPPORT FOR YOUR ASSEMBLY BILL 640 (HALL)

The Board of Directors of the California Academy of Preventive Medicine (CAPM) has voted to support your bill, AB 640, in its revised form. CAPM is the state medical specialty society for physicians in the practice of public health and prevention. Our position is based on professional expertise, as our membership includes public health officials responsible for prevention and control of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, as well as specialists in occupational health and in infection control.

We have long had concerns about the subject of lack of use of condoms and other infection control precautions in the adult film industry. This is a clear employee safety issue. In addition, the display of unsafe sex practices by millions of people viewing the videos and films produced by this large, California-dominated industry is a negative role model that can frustrate our public health efforts to promote safer sexual behavior to control sexually transmitted diseases including HIV.

AB 640 will remove any legal uncertainty that other cities and counties can enact the same safe practices approved in November by the voters of L.A. County and by the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County. The infection control practices permitted by the bill are already standard in the healthcare industry, and we know they can work.

Please assure that the California Academy of Preventive Medicine is listed as an official supporter in any further bill analyses for floor action or Senate committees. Please let us know if further communication to key legislators, or testimony at future committee hearings, would be critical to the bill's success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald O. Lyman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald O. Lyman, MD, DTPH, President, CAPM