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Senator Jerry Hill
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Sacramento, CA 95814
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RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 1311

Dear Senator Hill:

The Board of Directors of the California Academy of Preventive Medicine (CAPM) has voted to support your bill, SB 1311. This bill is an important step to reducing antibiotic resistance in general acute care hospitals. Antibiotic stewardship is necessary to preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics.

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 areas of infectious diseases and antibiotic resistance. We consider this problem to be a public health emergency.

Hundreds of thousands of hospital-acquired infections occur in the U.S. every year, of which an increasing fraction are resistant to multiple antibiotics. Dr. Tom Frieden, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, advocates antibiotic stewardship programs as a powerful tool for reducing this. Without promoting this strategy consistently throughout California, thousands of needless deaths will occur.

On May 4, I heard an excellent presentation on this problem, explaining antibiotic stewardship, and **praising SB 1311, at the Spring Symposium of the Infectious Disease Association of California. It was delivered by Dr. Kavita Trivedi from Stanford University, kavita@trivediconsults.com. The physician leaders of this association said that they strongly support this bill. If you have not yet received a letter confirming this, please contact Dr. Ronald Goldman, idad@idad.org, 310-216-9265.**

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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