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June 23, 2014

Senator Jerry Hill (Attention: Patrick Welch)
California State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR YOUR BILL, SB 835

The Board of Directors of the California Academy of Preventive Medicine (CAPM) has voted to support your bill, SB 835. This bill is an important step to reducing antibiotic resistance through the consumption of meat from animals needlessly treated with medically important 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 the use of antibiotics to promote growth, in animals who do not have infections requiring these drugs, to be a significant public health concern. It has been identified as a major cause of bacteria causing human diseases increasingly becoming resistant to antibiotics. Countless lives will be lost if this trend continues. SB 835 will greatly improve the situation by restricting the use of medically important antibiotic to situations in which these medications need to be prescribed by a veterinarian for actual medical conditions such as infections.

The Infectious Disease Association of California also backs this bill. **To obtain a confirmatory letter, 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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