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MEDICAL SOCIETY**



August 20th, 2019

Dear Senator Portantino,

Kern County Medical Society, Fresno-Madera Medical Society, Merced-Mariposa County Medical Society, The Medical Society of Tulare & Kings Counties, Tuolumne County Medical Society, San Joaquin Medical Society, and Stanislaus Medical Society must respectfully oppose AB 1404.

We appreciate that the bill intends to increase transparency. In general, we do endorse greater clarity across the healthcare landscape as a means to improve individual patient decisions as well as public policy making.

However, AB 1404 has the potential to enable coordinated efforts by healthcare entities to drive compensation down for providers. The Central Valley is already a medically underserved area, and a bill like this would only worsen the chronic physician shortage in our communities.

We look forward to working with you on better ways of improving the health and healthcare of our Central Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

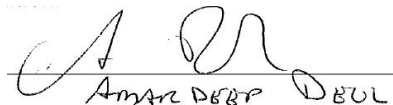
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