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The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Human Services Committee
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**Re: AB 2821 (Mayes) – Integrated and Comprehensive Health and
Human Services System
As Amended on June 11, 2018 – SUPPORT
Set for Hearing on June 26, 2018 – Senate Human Services Committee**

Dear Senator Wiener:

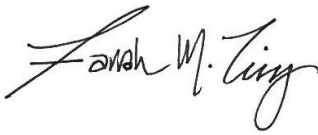
The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is pleased to SUPPORT Assembly Member Chad Mayes' AB 2821. Sponsored by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, AB 2821 would grant counties that operate an integrated health and human services system more flexibility in spending 2011 Realignment revenues to meet their residents' needs.

Counties have increasingly moved toward an integrated model of care and service delivery among their health, human services, and behavioral health departments. The goal is to serve a broad spectrum of residents, including whole families, and break down the silos between traditional welfare and health services to provide efficiencies and reap better outcomes for those served. While the majority of counties have organized their health and human services delivery system to the integrated model, the funding streams and requirements for each specific program remain separate.

AB 2821 would assist those counties who operate integrated systems in granting additional flexibility for the funding available to approved counties through the 2011 Realignment Support Services and Mental Health Accounts. Assembly Member Mayes recently amended AB 2821 to apply to all counties that adopt an integrated services ordinance and receive approval for funding flexibility from the Health and Human Services Agency. The guiding principle of 2011 realignment was the integration of services across the behavioral health, human services, and criminal justice systems, and AB 2821 will further this ideal by increasing funding flexibility among services such as foster care, child welfare services, and the specialty mental health and substance use disorder systems.

Counties are grateful for this opportunity and CSAC is proud to support AB 2821. Should you or your staff have additional questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 650-8110 or fmcting@counties.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Farrah M. Ting". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F".

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