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The Honorable Ricardo Lara  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5050  
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**Re: AB 1384 (Weber) - Victims of violent crimes: trauma recovery centers.  
As Amended June 19, 2017 – SUPPORT  
Set to be heard July 10, 2017 – Senate Appropriations Committee**

Dear Senator Lara:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1384 by Assembly Member Shirley Weber. This measure, as amended, would recognize the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) at San Francisco General Hospital as the State Pilot Trauma Recover Center model and require the California Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board to use this model when awarding grants to establish additional trauma recover centers.

The TRC model, pioneered in San Francisco in 2001, provides an all-inclusive, flexible approach that incorporates three modes of service – assertive outreach, clinical case management, and evidence-based trauma-focused therapies. This model is designed to meet the special needs of crime survivors suffering from trauma by utilizing a multidisciplinary team of clinicians to provide direct mental health services and health treatment while coordinating services with law enforcement and other social service agencies-all under one roof. Survivors who receive services through TRC see huge increases in health and wellness, show improvement in mental health, and demonstrate improvement in physical health. This approach is better for crime victims, as well as local governments who save money by providing improved services upfront to victims.

Specifically, AB 1384 would create clear guidelines for the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) Grant Program by establishing specific programmatic standards for all program applicants. Additionally, this bill would encourage the development of new TRC programs across the state by ensuring that funds are available to help providers build capacity for staff, programs and services necessary to fulfill the vision of the TRC model.

By setting clear guidelines and bolstering training for new trauma recovery centers, AB 1384 would ensure that crime survivors receive the comprehensive and timely services they need to heal, and avoid negative economic consequences for themselves and their communities.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports AB 1384 and respectfully requests your **AYE** vote. Should you have any questions regarding our position please do not hesitate to contact me at [dkernan@counties.org](mailto:dkernan@counties.org) or 916.650.8131.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Darby Kernan'.

Darby Kernan  
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Shirley Weber, California State Assembly  
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