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Honorable Mark Stone, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Alliance of Los Angeles County Parents Opposes SB 866

Dear Chair Stone and Honorable Members of the California Assembly Judiciary Committee:

I write on behalf of the Alliance of Los Angeles County Parents (“Alliance”), a community group organized for the purpose of representing the interests of Los Angeles County children.

SB 866 eliminates parental involvement in medical decisions involving their minor children. The bill violates the American Medical Association’s Code of Medical Ethics principle of informed consent.

Physicians experienced in obtaining informed consent know that it is not possible for 12-year old children to understand the risks and benefits of vaccination. According to the American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics Opinion 2.1.1¹:

“Informed consent to medical treatment is fundamental in both ethics and law. Patients have the right to receive information and ask questions about recommended treatments so that they can make well-considered decisions about care. Successful communication in the patient-physician relationship fosters trust and supports shared decision making.”

This bill will further erode trust in patient-physician relationships, and trust by California parents in their government. The Alliance opposes SB 866.

Sincerely,



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¹ <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/ethics/informed-consent>