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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

June 13, 2019

The Honorable Senator Richard Pan  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
State Capitol, Room 5114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 388 (Limon) Alzheimer’s disease - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Pan:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for AB 388 (Limon), would establish a pilot program in up to eight counties and award participating counties one-time grant funding over three years to develop local initiatives that are consistent with the Healthy Brain Initiative. Additionally, AB 388 would require the State Department of Public Health to conduct an evaluation of the pilot programs and submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2023 describing best practices and providing recommendations regarding which solutions and innovations are most feasible to replicate.

Currently, 2.2 million Californians are directly impacted by Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. Last year, the Medi-Cal program spent \$3.8 billion on beneficiaries living with Alzheimer’s, yet the bulk of costs were incurred by families paying out-of-pocket for long-term services and supports.

The Santa Barbara County’s potential to participate in the pilot program and be awarded grant funding to develop local initiatives consistent with the Healthy Brain Initiative would align with and enhance existing efforts within the County’s Health and Human Services Legislative Principle, which specifically states that the County will support efforts to enhance safety net services that protect the most vulnerable within the community, including children, the elderly, homeless and other at-risk populations.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support AB 388 (Limon). If you have questions about the Board’s position, please contact the County’s Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or [dbozanich@countyofsb.org](mailto:dbozanich@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,

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