

Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County

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Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma & Windsor*

The Honorable Susan Bonilla
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden) Massage Therapy Act of 2014.** *(As amended on April ,2014)*
Notice of SUPPORT

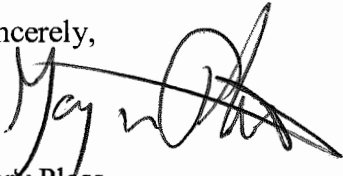
Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County supports your AB 1147, which would completely revise and recast the law pertaining to massage therapy, including returning land use control back to the cities.

AB 1147 allows local governments to enact ordinances that would require a certificate of massage establishment to obtain a license, permit or other authorization as long as that license, permit or other authorization is required of any other individual or business providing professional services. Having this authority returned will allow local governments to prevent businesses operating under the auspices of massage therapy from engaging in prostitution and human trafficking.

For these reasons, the cities and towns of Sonoma County supports AB 1147.

Sincerely,



Gary Plass
Councilmember, City of Healdsburg
Chair of the Sonoma Mayors and Council Members

Cc:
Senator Noreen Evans
Senator Lois Wolk
Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro
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May 14, 2014

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
California State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1014 (Jackson) – Pharmaceutical Waste: Home Generated
NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson,

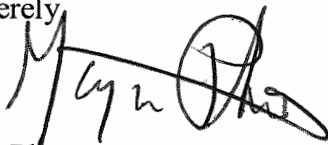
The Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County supports your SB 1014, which would require producers of pharmaceuticals, sold in California, to develop and implement a product stewardship plan to collect, transport, and process home-generated pharmaceutical waste.

Often unaware of how to properly dispose of unused pharmaceutical drugs, consumers stockpile medications, discard in the trash, or flush unwanted medication down the toilet, polluting waterways and creating significant challenges for local agencies that operate solid waste and wastewater treatment facilities.

Managing the waste stream is a very expensive and often burdensome task for local governments. Cities and counties spend upwards of \$500 million annually to manage products prohibited from landfills as well as those lawfully disposed of at the landfill -- a cost that local governments ultimately pass along to the consumer in the form of fees on solid waste services. SB 1014 takes an important step in managing home-generated pharmaceutical waste by requiring product producers to address end-of-life issues for their products, thereby keeping them out of the local waterway or landfill and ultimately lowering the amount of waste that must be disposed in California.

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