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The Honorable Kevin McCarty
State Capitol, Room 2136
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: HOAC Supports Assembly Bill 11

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Dear Assemblymember McCarty:

Eric Handler, MD, MPH
Secretary
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The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers of California's sixty-one city and county jurisdictions, supports your AB 11. This bill would result in better prevention and care for infants and toddlers by requiring screening services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program to include developmental screening services for children age three and younger, as established and recommended by Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics.

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Untreated toxic stress and developmental delays occurring early in life can have more serious long-term adverse health effects. Early identification is key to connecting children and families to resources that foster healthy development and minimize the need for more costly interventions down the line. By implementing early developmental screenings in Medi-Cal, AB 11 ensures timely actions are taken to help California's children, especially those from low-income families, achieve optimal health.

HOAC is dedicated to promoting practices that improve the health of California's residents and believes AB 11 would be a step forward for our state. Should you have any questions regarding our position on this matter, I invite you to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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Sincerely,

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