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The Honorable Steve Glazer
State Capitol, Room 4072
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: HOAC Supports Senate Bill 835

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Dear Senator Glazer:

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 health jurisdictions, supports your SB 835. This bill would prohibit smoking and disposing of tobacco products at state parks. By discouraging tobacco use and limiting public exposure to secondhand smoke, SB 835 will mitigate the harmful impacts of these products, which lead to a lifetime of health effects and come at a heavy cost to California's health care systems.

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Despite its diminishing prevalence over the last decade, the use of tobacco continues to threaten public health and drain our state's health care resources. Considered to be the leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States, smoking places a heavy economic burden on California, costing our state billions in direct and indirect health expenses from smoking-related illnesses, premature deaths, and lost productivity. Tobacco use exhausts valuable public resources and annually costs California's taxpayers more than \$18 billion.

Bela T. Matyas, MD, MPH
Solano County

HOAC is dedicated to promoting practices that improve the health of California's residents and believes SB 835 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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