

May 7, 2018

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2233 (Kalra) Medi-Cal: Assisted Living Waiver program. – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to support AB 2233 (Kalra) which would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to submit in 2019 to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a request for renewal of the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) program to increase the slots that would be phased in on a regional basis.

The ALW program provides a critical community-based alternative to institutionalization for eligible older adults and people with disabilities. Yet, the program faces a number of challenges that prevent it from realizing its potential, including lack of available providers, a long waitlist, lack of awareness of the program, low reimbursement rates that hamper provider participation, lack of access on a statewide/regional basis, and inconsistent administrative requirements. AB 2233 will address the programmatic issues that impact the ALW program's ability to achieve its potential in providing an important alternative to institutionalization for our state's most vulnerable residents.

For these reasons, Monterey County is pleased to support AB 2233.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Ash Kalra, California State Assembly  
Members, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
Jennifer Swenson, Principal Consultant, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate  
The Honorable Anthony Cannella, California State Senate  
The Honorable Anna Caballero, California State Assembly  
The Honorable Mark Stone, California State Assembly

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