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The Honorable Avelino Valencia
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 4120
Sacramento, CA 94249-0068

Re: AB 470 (Valencia) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Valencia:

During their meeting on March 23, 2023, the Medical Board of California (Board) adopted a Support position on AB 470, which updates continuing medical education (CME) requirements to encourage physicians to pursue ongoing training that improves the quality of physician-patient communication in a manner that is culturally and linguistically competent. The bill also revises requirements for accrediting organizations that establish curriculum standards related to this topic.

California is fortunate to have a diverse population, which underscores the need for physicians to communicate with their patients in an effective manner. The Board recognizes the value of this effort; therefore, is pleased to support AB 470.

Please contact Aaron Bone, Chief of Legislation and Public Affairs, at (916) 274-6251 or via email at Aaron.Bone@mbc.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Interim Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Marc Berman, Chair, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
Robert Sumner, Chief Consultant, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions