



# MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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The Honorable Scott Wiener  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 57 (Wiener) – Neutral position**

Dear Senator Wiener:

The Medical Board of California (Board) considered your legislation at its meeting on May 13, 2021, and adopted a Neutral position. SB 57 authorizes certain local governments to establish overdose prevention programs (OPP) within their respective jurisdiction. Further, the bill provides certain civil, criminal, administrative, and professional disciplinary protection for those involved in the operation of an OPP.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank you, your staff, and sponsors for amending SB 57 to include language that preserves the Board's authority to pursue disciplinary action against physicians who violate the standard of care when treating OPP participants.

Maintaining this authority is key to the Board's consumer protection mission and, as the bill is further considered by the Legislature, our staff look forward to continuing to work with your office and other stakeholders with that goal in mind.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Assemblymember Wood, Chair, Assembly Committee on Health  
Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Safety