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The Honorable Ken Cooley  
California State Assembly  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 266 (BONTA, COOLEY, AND JONES-SAWYER)

Dear Assemblyman Cooley,

On behalf of El Dorado County, I am pleased to report that our board has decided to support AB 266, which would provide what we have lacked in California since the voters approved Proposition 215 in 1996: a responsible framework for marijuana distribution that upholds local control, squarely addresses public safety concerns, and includes important health and safety requirements.

As a county government, we are on the front lines on this issue along with our Sheriff's Department, and have to cope with the effects of the current chaotic regulatory structure for medical marijuana on a daily basis. We applaud your effort to put a responsible framework in place that protects patient access while protecting local control and addressing public safety issues. We believe local governments should have a prominent role in any framework for medical marijuana, including meaningful enforcement powers, and therefore we support the approach in AB 266.

We appreciate the work that went into developing this bill, including input from attorneys, law enforcement, patient advocates, the private sector, and consultation with both local government entities that allow marijuana dispensaries to operate under the control of local ordinances, as well as those that have imposed bans.

For these reasons, El Dorado County is supporting AB 266.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Veerkamp  
Chairman, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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Members, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors