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Honorable David Chiu
California State Assemblymember
State Capitol
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RE: Letter of Support for Amendments to AB 2377

Dear Assemblymember Chiu,

I write to express my strong support for amendments to AB 2377 that would require a 6-month notification to local jurisdictions regarding the intent to sell an Adult Residential Facility also known as a Board and Care Home.

The alarming rate of closures of Adult Residential Facilities has created a crisis for cities and counties. Often local jurisdictions learn about closures when clients face eviction at the last moment, leaving residents and their families with limited options or even homelessness. Los Angeles alone has lost over 1,000 facilities. Residents, many of whom are indigent and have serious mental illness, face homelessness, worsening the situation our cities and counties. I am sure we can all agree that the closure of these Board and Care Homes during a public health emergency, where residents are most at risk of contracting COVID-19 and face serious complications, is something we should mitigate. Not providing adequate notice and planning for closures puts clients at risk.

Giving the local jurisdiction adequate time to purchase and/or relocate clients is a badly needed preventative measure. This bill is revenue neutral. It asks only for time for the local jurisdiction to consider the best course of action. We express our appreciation of including these amendments and urge passage.

Sincerely,

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