



August 13, 2018

Assemblymember Ken Cooley
State Capitol
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SUBJECT: ACR 278 -- PACE Month – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

The California PACE Association (CalPACE), which represents eleven organizations that provide Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) throughout California, strongly supports ACR 278. PACE organizations provide comprehensive health care, including dental care, as well as long-term services and supports, to enable frail seniors to safely remain in their homes and communities.

Establishing September as PACE Month in California will help call attention to the PACE as a national model for providing integrated care to older adults and seniors with higher care needs.

PACE organizations currently serve more than 7,400 frail seniors at 39 PACE Centers and Alternative Care Sites in 12 counties, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and Santa Clara.

PACE is unique among care programs serving older adults in that it provides all services needed by frail seniors to enable them to live safely in the community, including all acute care and long-term supports and services.

PACE benefits the State of California, its seniors, and their families by offering a proven, cost-effective, and high-quality alternative to nursing home placement for frail seniors who wish to live in the community. According to a recent analysis, PACE costs up to 34 percent less than institutional care for the same types of beneficiaries.

For these reasons, CalPACE and its member organizations support ACR 278.

Sincerely,

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