



September 18, 2018

Governor Edmund G. Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814
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RE: Support AB 2233 (Kalra)

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of CalPACE I am writing to urge you to sign AB 2233, which would improve the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) program in California. The ALW provides seniors and people with disabilities with the option to receive Medi-Cal covered services in assisted living facilities and public subsidized housing, rather than more costly and less desirable nursing homes.

CalPACE represents the eleven Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations in the state. PACE provides frail seniors 55 years or older integrated health care and long term supports and services allowing them to continue to live in the community. PACE participants often live in assisted living facilities that are covered by the ALW.

The Assisted Living Waiver is a win-win program. Californians prefer to receive care outside of nursing homes, and the state has a duty to promote independence and community participation for individuals with disabilities. In addition, the state saves millions of dollars by administering this program. California should follow the lead of states like Oregon and Washington, who currently have much more robust programs in which Medicaid funds assisted living care.

Help Californians avoid institutionalization, and help cut Medi-Cal spending by millions of dollars, by signing AB 2233.

Sincerely,

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CEO CalPACE

cc: Assemblymember Ash Kalra

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