Company Letterhead

March 1, 2018

The Honorable Steven Bradford

Senator

State Capitol, Room 2062

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1268 (Bradford): Support

Dear Senator Bradford,

On behalf of insert organization name and the clients we serve, we would like to convey our support of Senate Bill 1268 to prohibit patient brokering in the alcohol drug addiction treatment system. Insert organization name has served the insert community for insert years. We can attest to the destructive nature that “kickbacks” and unscrupulous financial agreements between treatment providers and referrers have on the safety of patients and the integrity of the payment system in California.

Senate Bill 1268 is an important part of the California Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CCARA) which aims to revolutionize the state’s addiction treatment system and make it model for the nation to follow. Your commitment to ending the practice of “selling” patients to treatment centers that pass kickbacks back to insurers is vital to reform in the state. The inability to prohibit patient brokering has led to unscrupulous financial relationships between treatment providers and referring agents. Notably, patient brokers are not credentialed professionals and may have little or no competency in identifying or assessing addiction. As a result, referrals are made based upon financial incentive rather than client benefit. Your legislation will end this resource draining practice and return integrity to the payment system.

Senate Bill 1268 has our full support.

Sincerely,

Insert name

Insert title

*cc: Senators Ed Hernandez, O.D., Janet Nguyen, Connie M. Leyva, Holly J. Mitchell,*  [*Bill Monning*](http://senate.ca.gov/sd17)*, Josh Newman, Jim Nielsen, Dr. Richard Pan, Richard D. Roth*