



June 10, 2019

The Honorable Richard Pan, M.D.
Chair, Senate Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 388 (Limón) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Pan:

On behalf of California In-Home Supportive Service Consumer Alliance (CICA) I am writing in support of AB 388, a legislative proposal to adopt a public health approach to combat Alzheimer's in California. As our state confronts a projected 29 percent increase in the population affected by Alzheimer's over the next five years, it's critical to establish the statewide public health infrastructure today in order to meet future demand.

Public health has a successful track record of intervening with other chronic conditions, including cancer, diabetes and heart disease. In fact, since 2000, deaths from heart disease have decreased by 14 percent while deaths from Alzheimer's have increased by 89 percent. Today, Alzheimer's is the second leading cause of death in California and first among women (as reported by CDPH California Community Burden of Disease).

AB 388 (Limón) establishes a statewide process and funding mechanism to adopt the CDC's Healthy Brain Initiative in California. This bill provides a framework for action for county public health departments, encouraging local solutions to reach underserved/underrepresented communities disproportionately impacted by Alzheimer's and related dementias.

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With the largest population impacted by Alzheimer's in the nation, our state can lead the way on Alzheimer's early detection and diagnosis.

The California In Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA) is committed to improving and enhancing the lives of all those who use and provide In Home Supportive Services. CICA is committed to empowering recipients, family, friends, community members and providers by offering education, training and networking opportunities. CICA believes that building collaborations among IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committees, and all stakeholders, will strengthen the recipient voice to elected officials, policy makers, and the public.

California In Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA) urges the Senate Health Committee to pass AB 388 (Limón) when it is heard on June 19th.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members, Senate Health Committee