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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of SB 276 (Pan)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Senate Bill 276, which authorizes the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to review and reject, under specified circumstances, physician-written medical exemptions to pupil immunization requirements.

SB 276 places the state's judgment over that of parents, and allows government to intrude into the physician-patient relationship. To the extent that physicians are writing fraudulent medical exemptions, the preferred response is to provide the Medical Board of California with the resources needed to address this problem, rather than creating a new bureaucracy within CDPH.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader