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October 14, 2025

The Honorable Ami Bera, M.D.  
United States House of Representatives  
172 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Doris Matsui**  
United States House of Representatives  
**2206 Rayburn House Office Building**  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 5462, *Michelle Alyssa Go Act*, Reintroduced in the 119<sup>th</sup>  
Congress- Support

Dear Congressmembers Bera and Matsui,

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I write to support H.R. 5462, the Michelle Alyssa Go Act, reintroduced in the 119th Congress.

Counties play a vital role in providing behavioral health services. In Sacramento County and across the nation, counties operate crisis lines, detention facilities, and public hospitals while also helping to finance and administer Medicaid services, the largest funding source for behavioral health care. Two-thirds of the U.S. population depends on county-based behavioral health systems, making reforms in this area critically important.

The Michelle Alyssa Go Act addresses the longstanding challenges posed by the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases exclusion policy, which too often leaves residents without appropriate care or forces them into emergency departments. By expanding Medicaid-eligible beds, this legislation will allow counties to provide more effective, equitable access to treatment and build the full continuum of care needed to improve community health and safety.

Enactment of this bill would strengthen **Sacramento County's** ability to better serve those in need and reduce the strain on emergency and justice systems that were not intended to function as primary behavioral health providers. For these reasons, Sacramento County supports this Act. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or [deborde@saccounty.gov](mailto:deborde@saccounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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