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Assembly Member Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher,
Chair of the Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: AB 3162 (Friedman) – Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities. Notice of Support (as amended 4/19/18)

Dear Assembly Member Gonzales Fletcher:

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) is pleased to support AB 3162 (Friedman). Residential drug and alcohol treatment facilities provide valuable rehabilitation and supportive services in a therapeutic environment, which can benefit both individual patients and the greater community. However, the single licensed rehabilitation facility nestled into the fabric of a community has been taken over by companies that have created multi-structure, campus-style facilities within a residentially zoned neighborhood. Many of these facility operators continue to operate multi-structure facilities and pay minimal fines for violation of the licensing and regulatory provisions because of the existing penalty structure.

AB 3162, as amended, would require all programs and medical services offered or provided by a licensed alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility to be specified in the license application and provided exclusively within the licensed facility on the licensed property and for the benefit of the residents. The bill would increase the penalties for a violation of the licensing and regulatory provisions to not less than \$1,000 or more than \$15,000 per day for each violation, and increase the additional penalties for repeat violations, as specified. Increasing the fines and penalties to be more commensurate with similar licensing fines provides an additional incentive for companies to comply with the law and provide the needed care for the patients.

MCCMC supports AB 3162.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alice Fredericks', is written in dark ink.

Alice Fredericks, Chair
Legislative Committee
Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers

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