



## **CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR LONG-TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS (CCLTSS)**

June 27, 2018

Hon. Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Re: AB 2400 (Kalra) - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Portantino:

The California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports is comprised of 38 statewide aging and disability organizations that promote dignity and independence in long-term living. Our members include advocates, providers, labor and health insurers and collectively we represent millions of California seniors and people with disabilities, their caregivers and those who provide health, human services and housing.

We are writing in strong support of AB 2400 (Kalra), legislation which would reauthorize the California Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.

A voluntary tax contribution to benefit Alzheimer's research has existed since 1997. This fund has resulted in \$1.7 million in contributions to support competitive grants which have been awarded to leading research centers including UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UCLA, the University of Southern California, Stanford University, UC San Francisco and UC Davis.

AB 2400 modernizes the fund's provisions to ensure its effectiveness, and extends the sunset date to 2025.

This bill takes on special significance because it is more important than ever to continue support for research into dementia. Alzheimer's disease represents a serious and growing public health crisis, with over 2.2 million Californians directly impacted, either living with or caring for someone with the disease. Numbers of those living with Alzheimer's is projected to climb from 630,000 today to 840,000 within the next seven years, with Medi-Cal costs for this population expected to grow by nearly 60%.

The voluntary tax contribution for Alzheimer's is an important funding source to continue vital research that addresses the needs of a vulnerable population and is a critical first step in reducing negative impacts, human suffering and improving the quality of care for affected individuals.

We respectfully ask for your support for AB 2400.

Sincerely,



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