



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

July 30, 2018

Hon. Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1112 (Roth) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher,

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 SB 1112 (Roth), which would fund supportive services for the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) and No Place Like Home (NPLH) programs. Giving Californians the option to provide support through the use of a specialized license plate could generate urgently needed funds for services, such as mental health and substance abuse treatments, for the most vulnerable throughout the state.

California's homeless crisis has reached a critical point. Our state has the greatest share of the nation's total homeless population (~134,000), unsheltered homeless

(~91,642), homeless youth (~15,458), and homeless veterans (~15,000). In 2016-2017 alone, the number of homeless in California grew by over 16,000 people.

While the additional housing that the VHP and NPLH programs are building is an essential step to addressing the homeless crisis in California, there is a lack of funding for the required supportive services. Currently, these programs must rely on outside sources or limited Housing and Urban Development Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers to provide supportive services. These patchwork solutions do not begin to meet the need. Additional funding for the required supportive services is critical to ensuring the longevity and success of these programs.

We respectfully ask for your support for SB 1112, an innovative measure that will raise awareness and garner funding for supportive housing services.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations
Hon. Anthony Rendon, Assembly Speaker
Hon. Brian Dahle, Assembly Minority Leader
Hon. Richard Roth, California State Senate
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Committee