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The Honorable Mike Feuer
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 542 (Feuer), as Amended August 17, 2010
Position: Neutral

On behalf of the University of California (UC), I am writing to respectfully advise you that with the August 17, 2010 amendments to AB 542, UC removes its “Oppose Unless Amended” position. We have worked closely with your office to address UC’s concerns. These discussions have proven productive and we appreciate the working relationship with your office.

UC operates five academic medical centers in Davis, Los Angeles, Irvine, San Diego and San Francisco, all of which will be impacted by AB 542. UC serves as the underpinnings of the safety net in California with over 60% of our patient days reflecting care given to the indigent and/or those covered by public programs. Our hospitals are committed to patient safety and to providing high quality patient care. We greatly appreciate your leadership in bringing together interested parties to develop a nonpayment policy that will create the appropriate incentives to improve patient outcomes.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-5572. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela M. Gilliard".

Angela M. Gilliard, JD
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