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The Honorable Mark Stone
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 672 (Hernandez), as amended May 13, 2015
Set for hearing in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on June 16, 2015
Position: Support

Dear Chair Stone:

The University of California (UC) is pleased to write in support of SB 672 (Hernandez), which would provide legal protections for pharmacists that participate in medical peer review programs in a hospital or clinical setting, consistent with the peer review protections provided to other healthcare professionals.

The UC system has 17 health professional schools and five academic medical centers located at the Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco campuses, collectively known as UC Health. Included in UC Health are two nationally ranked pharmacy schools; the UCSF Pharmacy School and the UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Existing law protects from discovery the proceedings and records of peer review bodies for numerous healthcare professionals in order to promote open and honest communication and complete disclosure of all pertinent information during peer review. Pharmacists practicing in multiple healthcare settings can participate in peer review along with other healthcare professionals but are not listed among the variety of healthcare professionals whose peer review records are protected. The records associated with pharmacist peer review should be given the same protections as other professionals' records.

We appreciate Senator Hernandez's leadership on this issue and for authoring this important bill to provide the same peer review protections given to other healthcare professionals. If you have

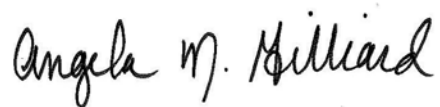
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any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. Gilliard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela M. Gilliard, JD

Legislative Director

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