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March 24, 2025

The Honorable Tom Umberg
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 6530
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 29 (Laird) – Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Senator Umberg,

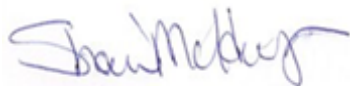
The organizations listed above represent a diverse group of health care providers, facilities and organizations that are opposed to SB 29 unless it is amended to recognize the monumental passage of AB 35 (Assemblymember Reyes and Senator Umberg) in 2022 to modernize the MICRA statute.

In 2021, SB 447 (Laird) was passed to allow heirs of injured individuals to recover non-economic damages for pain and suffering if the injured individual passes away before their lawsuit is settled. Among other things, the author and sponsor argued in 2021 that SB 447 was necessary due to the courts being slow to settle cases thanks to the pandemic and a sunset was amended into the bill before the Legislature sent the bill to the Governor. **It is important to note that medical malpractice claims are not exempt from SB 447.** SB 29 removes the sunset from the law that was passed and extends it into perpetuity.

In 2022, representatives from our organizations agreed to significant reforms to the MICRA statute. We were keenly aware of SB 447's 2026 sunset and we agreed to appropriate increases in AB 35 with that understanding.

Unfortunately, SB 29 conflicts with the spirit and language of the 2022 updates to modernize MICRA so our organizations are opposed to SB 29 unless amended.

Sincerely,



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