**Place on hospital letterhead and email a copy of your letter to Dawn Vicari, CHA legislative assistant, at** **dvicari@calhospital.org****.**

March XX, 2021

The Honorable Jim Wood

Chair, Assembly Health Committee

State Capitol, Room 6005

Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 1130 (Wood)** **– Oppose Unless Amended**

Dear Assemblymember Wood:

[NAME OF ORGANIZATION] recognizes the challenge for too many Californians with accessing high-quality and affordable health care. It is our mission to ensure that those in need get the care they deserve, and while [NAME OF ORGANIZATION] supports the goal of reducing growth in health care costs, Assembly Bill (AB) 1130 (Wood) as currently written is not tailored to address the unique structure of the California market, which will not lead to success.

To achieve the ultimate goal of better health care for Californians, any proposed policies that aim to reduce the growth in health care costs must be achievable, sustainable, and not impair the quality of care or access to care. Because our nation’s, and especially California’s health care system, is built on decades of complex laws, a patchwork of policies, significant market differences, political choices, and more, this is no small task.

[DESCRIBE HERE, AS YOU ARE COMFORTABLE, YOUR HOSPITAL’S FINANCIAL CONDITIONS. IF YOUR ORGANIZATION WAS RESTRICTED TO A 3% YEAR-OVER-YEAR GROWTH IN COSTS, HOW WOULD IT AFFECT YOUR OPERATIONS (FREEZING WAGES, POSTPONING EXPANSION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS, ETC.)?]

The scenario outlined above is something none of us want, especially the leaders of [NAME OF ORGANIZATION], who are entrusted to care for [XXXXX] lives in [GEOGRAPHIC REACH].

To do this so it will be successful, California needs a strong foundation, which would entail amendments to AB 1130 to establish a public, prominent commission comprised of experts who can work through key issues and advise the Legislature and the administration on how to develop a framework and process that will truly address health care affordability in California.

Without thoughtfully addressing many of the complex issues of health care financing — using the right data and a balanced approach — AB 1130 could have the real effect of reducing health care services for Californians.

Sincerely,

NAME & TITLE

cc: The Honorable Members of Assembly Health Committee