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## **RE: AB 1775 – Cannabis: retail preparation, sale, and consumption of noncannabis food and beverage products (Oppose)**

To Dr Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to express our recommendation to **Oppose AB 1775**. On May 2, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the oppose recommendation.

In California, existing law provides that a local jurisdiction may allow for the smoking, vaporizing, and ingesting of cannabis or cannabis products on the premises of a licensed retailer or microbusiness. Existing law also allows that a licensed retailer or microbusiness that operates a consumption area may also sell prepackaged, noncannabis-infused, nonalcoholic food and beverages if the local jurisdiction allows. AB 1775 would authorize a local jurisdiction to allow for the preparation or sale of noncannabis food and beverage products in cannabis consumption areas; and to allow the sale of tickets for live musical or other performances in cannabis consumption areas.

CCLHO opposes this bill for the following reasons –

- Would erode existing workplace protections against secondhand smoke exposure from cannabis for retail workers, food service workers, and performers in cannabis cafes and lounges.
- Secondhand smoke from cannabis is a health hazard.
- May lead to renormalization of indoor smoking in California. Even with current protections, nearly 40,000 Californians die each year from smoking and secondhand smoke exposure.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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