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RE: AB 1830 – Corn masa flour: folic acid fortification (Support and Recommend)

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 **Support AB 1830 with recommendations**. On April 3, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the support and recommend recommendation.

AB 1830 would, commencing January 1, 2026, require a manufacturer of corn masa flour to add folic acid at a level not to exceed 0.7 milligrams of folic acid per pound of corn masa flour and to include a declaration of folic acid on the nutrition label in accordance with applicable federal law. The bill would make these provisions severable. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

CCLHO supports this bill with the following recommendations –

- Require manufacturers to add folic acid to their corn masa products.
- Require manufactures to use corn masa flour with folic acid supplementation.
- Require all corn masa flour either imported or manufactured in CA to be supplemented with folic acid.
- Recommend that CDPH regulate and enforce these requirements.

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Sincerely,

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