

CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES FOR NURSING HOME REFORM

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Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian
Chair Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee
State Capitol, Room 4146
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 636 (Maienschein) Support

Dear Adrin Narian, Chair Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee:

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) is writing in support of AB 636 (Maienschein). Since 1983, CANHR, a statewide non-profit 501(c)(3), has been advocating for consumer protections for California's seniors.

Currently, the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act (EADACPA) establishes procedures and requirements for reporting instances of known or suspected abuses or neglect of a California elder or dependent adult. Information relevant to the incident is to be given to specified investigators, including investigators from an adult protective services agency, a local law enforcement agency, and the probate court.

If AB 636 is enacted then federal law enforcement agencies will be authorized to receive relevant information about incidents of abuse or neglect of California elders and dependent adults. CANHR believes that the federal government is an important ally and their considerable resources are crucial for the fight against those that abuse California elders and dependent adults.

For the above reasons, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform strongly urges a yes vote on AB 636 (Maienschein).

Sincerely,



Prescott Cole, Senior Staff Attorney

Cc: Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee