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Assembly Member Campos  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4016  
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**RE: AB 1595 (Campos): Employment: human trafficking training: mass transportation employers**  
**AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Assembly Member Campos:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing the 5,000 board-certified pediatrician members of all four CA AAP chapters statewide, strongly supports your proposed legislation AB 1595. This bill would require a private or public employer that provides mass transportation services in the state to train its employees who are likely to interact or come into contact with victims of human trafficking to recognize signs of human trafficking, and to know how to report those signs to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Victims of human trafficking are among the most vulnerable members of our community, and the threat of trafficking is rampant. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement *Child Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Health Care Needs of Victims* “Human trafficking is a major global health and human rights problem, with reported victims in at least 152 countries. The total number of victims is unknown, although estimates range into the millions. Women and children predominate: in 1 global study, up to 49% of the victims were women and 33% were children. Violence and psychological manipulation are common, and victims are at increased risk of injury, sexual assault, infectious diseases, substance misuse, untreated chronic medical conditions, malnutrition, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), major depression and other mental health disorders, homicide, and suicide.” Despite this, it has been reported that only one conviction is made for every 800 people trafficked due to underreporting and misidentification.

With the well-being of so many concerned, AB 1595 (Campos) is a crucial step towards identifying the victims of human trafficking and providing them with the care they need. Pediatricians strongly support AB 1595 (Campos) and thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

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