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June 14, 2018

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski  
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE:? AB 2434 (Bloom) Strategic Growth Council: Health in All Policies**  
**AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Chair Wiechowski,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, strongly supports AB 2434 (Bloom) to permanently establish the Health in All Policies (HiAP) Program to incorporate health, equity, and sustainability considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.

Our greatest health challenges—like chronic illness, climate change, health inequities between populations, and increasing health care costs—are highly complex and influenced by policies, programs, and investments across sectors. These issues are best addressed when public health practitioners and nontraditional partners who have influence over social determinants of health work together.

The HiAP Task Force, established in 2010, brought together 22 departments, agencies, and offices from across State Government to incorporate health, equity, and sustainability considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas. It has played a key role in the the advancement of innovative policies that promote the health and well-being of all Californians by bringing together departments and agencies that might not have had the chance to work collaboratively otherwise.

AB 2434 (Bloom) would require the HiAP Program, established by the Strategic Growth Council and in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, to be a permanent program, addressing the health needs of Californians into the future.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide support proposed legislation AB 2434 (Bloom) and urge an AYE vote. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

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