



March 29, 2017

The Honorable Bill Monning
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 651-4917

RE: SB 377 (Monning): Lead-based paint
AAP-CA Position: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Monning:

I am writing on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, to let you know that we strongly support your proposed legislation SB 377 (Monning). This bill would establish a state certification process for contractors to work on renovation, repair, and painting projects that are likely to contain lead paint.

Seven years ago, the federal Environmental Protection Agency established the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule, which requires all renovators and contractors who work on buildings built before 1978 to be certified in lead-safe work practices. This important rule not only increases worker safety, but also reduce the risk of childhood lead poisoning among the future residents of those buildings. However, this rule can only be enforced by federal authorities while it remains only a federal regulation, and the ability of the EPA to continue enforcing this regulation effectively remains to be seen in the face of potential steep budget cuts.

SB 377 (Monning) would make sure that California maintains these essential regulations by adopting the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule into state law, so that it can be enforced by state and local authorities. This would stand to prevent childhood lead poisoning across California.

Pediatricians across the state support SB 377 (Monning). We thank you for your leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lauren J. J. J.", written in dark ink.

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CC: Kris Calvin, CEO; AAP-CA Leadership; Lydia Bourne