



June 22, 2018

The Honorable Bill Dodd
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 532 (Dodd) Emergency Services: State of Emergency: Cyberterrorism
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Senator Dodd,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, strongly supports your proposed legislation SB 532 to add cyberterrorism to the list that may be cited to support a proclamation of a state of emergency or a local emergency.

Some experts estimate that cyberterrorism will be one of the top threats to public safety by the year 2020.¹ Current law lists a number of conditions that would allow the declaration of a state of emergency or a local emergency including fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, and drought. When those conditions may overwhelm the resources of a single city or county, the Governor may direct all the agencies of state government to prevent or alleviate actual or threatened damage to provide for the health and safety of the citizens of California. Cyberterrorism is not yet on that list.

SB 532 would add cyberterrorism to the list of conditions that might threaten the health and safety of Californians and enable to the state government to respond to such a threat quickly and decisively.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly support your proposed legislation SB 532. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sharon Pham".

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cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne