



January 25, 2018

The Honorable Glazer
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 651-4907

RE: SB 835 (Glazer): State Parks: Smoking Ban
AAP-CA Position: Support As Introduced

Dear Senator Glazer,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, strongly supports your proposed legislation SB 835 (Glazer) as introduced. This bill would ban smoking in state parks, except in certain areas designated by the director of the park.

Tobacco and secondhand tobacco smoke are highly hazardous to the health of anyone and especially to children. As stated in American Academy of Pediatrics policy, "There is no safe level of tobacco smoke exposure. The developing brains of children and adolescents are particularly vulnerable to the development of tobacco and nicotine dependence."

SB 835 (Glazer) would make sure that children who frequent state parks are not exposed to secondhand smoke or inadvertently encouraged to use tobacco by seeing adults doing the same. A reduction in littered cigarettes would also potentially reduce wildfires in state parks, thus improving air quality and benefiting children who suffer from asthma and other respiratory ailments.

Pediatricians across the state strongly support SB 835 (Glazer) and 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 that reads "Lauren Gambill".

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