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September 21, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Governor of the State of California

California State Capitol, Suite 1173

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 835 (Glazer): State Parks: Smoking Ban**

**AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Governor Brown,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, respectfully urge your signature on SB 835 (Glazer). This bill would ban smoking in state parks, except in 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.”

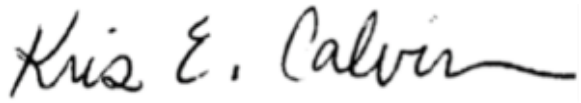
Cigarette smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths each year in the United States; and, as of 2014, since 1964, approximately 2.5 million non-smokers have died from health problems caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.

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.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide respectfully urge you to sign SB 835 (Glazer)

into law. 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 "Kris E. Calvin" with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish at the end.

Kris Calvin

Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne; Senator Steve Glazer