

March 11, 2019

Assembly Member Timothy Grayson
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: AB 122 (Grayson) Teams: Human Trafficking
AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Assembly Member Grayson:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing over 5,000 California pediatricians strongly supports your proposed legislation AB 122, removing prohibitions on disclosing confidential information without an individual's informed, written consent in cases of human trafficking where the victim is a minor.

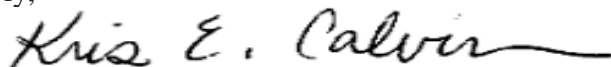
AB 998 (2018) specified that members of domestic violence and human trafficking multidisciplinary personnel teams (MDTs) may not disclose confidential information unless they have first obtained an individual's informed, written, and reasonably time-limited consent. Alameda County's MDT, SafetyNet, primarily serves minor human trafficking victims in complex, high-risk situations. Most of time, MDT members are not in direct contact with the victim and are not able to ask for consent to share information; consent is usually obtained through the attorney representing the minor victim.

By requiring that MDT members obtain a victim's informed, written consent, AB 998 inadvertently jeopardized SafetyNet's ability to provide services to commercially sexually exploited children. AB 998's human trafficking MDT provisions were never intended to apply to minors.

AB 122 would remove the prohibition on disclosing confidential information without the individual's informed, written consent in cases of human trafficking where the victim is a minor allowing SafetyNet to better protect commercially sexually exploited children, while preserving adult victims' rights to privacy and autonomy.

Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of the children, youth, and families of California.

Sincerely,



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cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne