

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Eloise Gomez Reyes
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0047

RE: AB 381 (Reyes): Postsecondary education: sexual assault and sexual violence prevention training: intimate partner and dating violence
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Assembly Member Reyes:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing over 5,000 board-certified pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4, strongly supports your proposed legislation AB 381 adding domestic violence centers to existing on-campus and community-based organizations and providing outreach programming informing students about topics related to intimate partner and dating violence.

In any given year, nearly 1.5 million high school students across the country will experience physical or sexual abuse from a dating partner, and nearly 1 in 3 U.S. adolescents is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner. Response to this public health crisis demands multiple interventions. AB 381 would help fight against teen dating violence by helping raise awareness of and providing resources to address the problem.

Pediatricians strongly support AB 381.

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