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Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2342 (McCarty) Parole
AAP-CA Position: SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing the over 5,000 pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly supports proposed legislation AB 2342 (McCarty) as amended on August 25, 2020, which would create a program through which parolees would be able to earn "reintegration credits" to reduce the term of parole.

Parole is intended to be supervision to help facilitate the successful reintegration of persons on parole. Yet, according to the Pew Charitable Trust, "emphasis on surveillance and monitoring of people under supervision rather than on promoting their success, along with the resource demands of ever-larger caseloads, has transformed community supervision into a primary driver of incarceration."¹ Parole restrictions can prevent parents from doing everything from attending health and other appointments with their child to being involved in their children's education. These restrictions also make it difficult for parolees to maintain stable jobs and housing, which increases the mental and physical stress of their children.

AB 2342 (McCarty) would create a program under which the length of a parolee's period of parole could be reduced through credits earned by successfully completing specified education, training, or treatment programs, or by participating in volunteer service. Providing educational, treatment, and training opportunities would support those on parole in ways that could reduce incarceration rates and create better and more stable homes for the children of parolees in California.

Pediatricians across the state respectfully request your signature on AB 2342 (McCarty). 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 cursive script that reads "Eileen Rendahl".

Eileen Rendahl, Legislative Coordinator
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¹ <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2020/04/policy-reforms-can-strengthen-community-supervision>