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The Honorable Brian Jones
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4088
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 528 (Jones) – Support Position**

Dear Senator Jones:

The Medical Board of California (Board) considered your legislation at its meeting on May 13, 2021, and adopted a Support position. SB 528 requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to create an electronic health care portal, through which health care providers will be able to access health information included in a foster child or youth's health and education summary, as specified.

In addition to the benefit the bill provides to support continuity of care for a vulnerable patient population, this bill may ease the Board's access to medical records necessary to investigate possible violations of the Medical Practice Act with regard to physicians who treat children in foster care. In doing so, SB 528 furthers the Board's mission of consumer protection.

Please contact Aaron Bone, Chief of Legislation and Public Affairs, at (916) 274-6251 or via email at Aaron.Bone@mbc.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William Prasifka
Executive Director

cc: Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, Chair, Assembly Committee on Human Services
Assemblymember Jim Wood, Chair, Assembly Committee on Health