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Senator Richard Pan, Chair
Senate Health Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3310
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1502 (Muratsuchi and Wood) – Support

Dear Chairman Pan:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports AB 1502 (Muratsuchi and Wood), the Skilled Nursing Facility Ownership and Management Reform Act of 2022 and urges your committee to support its passage.

The pandemic has brought tragedy and death to nursing home residents throughout California and exposed severe problems in the state's oversight of these facilities. One of the gravest dangers to residents is from the ownership and operation of skilled nursing facilities by unsuitable, unapproved, and unaccountable persons and entities.

AB 1502 will bring overdue reform that will give the California Department of Public Health strong authority to disqualify unfit applicants, set suitability standards for operators, require prior approval to operate a skilled nursing facility, close licensure loopholes, give the public an opportunity to comment on pending change-of-ownership applications and sanction non-compliant operators.

Please vote "yes" on AB 1502 to prevent unfit operators from acquiring nursing homes and to save the lives of California nursing home residents.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Assembly Member Jim Wood
 Senator Mike McGuire