**[SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 2266]**

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April 16, 2012

Assembly Member Holly Mitchell

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Quentin Foster, Quentin.Foster@asm.ca.gov

**RE: Support for AB 2266**

Dear Assembly Member Mitchell:

I am writing on behalf of [NAME OF ORGANIZATION] in strong support of AB 2266. Using federal dollars to improve the health care of our state’s most vulnerable residents, the bill would result in short- and long-term cost savings to Medi-Cal.

[INSERT ONE TO TWO SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION]

People who frequently use hospital services for avoidable reasons (“frequent users”) face multiple barriers to accessing appropriate health care. About half of these individuals are homeless, almost all have multiple chronic, often behavioral health, conditions. Programs that provide outreach to frequent users, offer intensive case management services, and connect frequent users to behavioral health care—“health home services”—are the only models proven to stabilize chronic conditions and decrease costs of this population. Research, including a randomized study, reported that participants in these programs achieve improved health outcomes,fewer hospitalizations, fewer emergency room visits, and fewer nursing home days, resulting in significant cost savings within a year.

AB 2266 would take advantage of a federal health reform option to provide health home services to frequent hospital users. California would receive 90% federal funding for these services for two years, and would not require any state investment in ongoing services thereafter.

I appreciate your leadership on this issue, and look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

cc: [YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER]