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July 1, 2022

The Honorable Akilah Weber
California State Assembly, District 79
1021 O Street, Room 4130
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste
Mayor

Dear Assembly Member Weber:

Jason Gibbs
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: AB 1797 (WEBER): OPPOSE

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Assembly Bill 1797, related to requirements for health care providers to disclose immunization records to schools, childcare providers, and other agencies. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure at the regular meeting on June 14, 2022.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

While we recognize the intent to combat COVID-19 infections, citizens, regardless of vaccination status, must maintain their right to disclose confidential medical information to the parties of their choosing and be protected from any potential discrimination based on their vaccination status and medical records.

Cameron Smyth
Councilmember

As the COVID-19 Pandemic has created unprecedented challenges, governments must carefully balance the interest in maintaining public health with protecting privacy rights and access to basic care. To this end, we believe that Assembly Bill 1797 infringes upon the privacy rights of citizens, specifically relating to bodily autonomy, and risks restricting access to human service agencies, including schools and childcare facilities.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes Assembly Bill 1797. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,

Laurene Weste
Mayor

Honorable Akilah Weber

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