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The Honorable Ed Hernandez, OD
Chair, Senate Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 511 (Arambula) – Tuberculosis Risk Assessment and Examination.
As Amended March 27, 2017
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

Dear Senator Hernandez:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for AB 511 by Assemblymember Juan Arambula. This measure would make a number of changes to California's tuberculosis (TB) testing laws.

Specifically AB 511 requires, instead of a TB test, that a TB risk assessment developed by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association (CTCA) be completed for a number of individuals, including employees and volunteers of heritage schools; applicants to be a relative foster parent; home care aides; and a person employed in connection with a park, playground, recreational center, or beach used for recreational purposes by a city or county in a position requiring contact with children, or as a food concessionaire or other licensed concessionaire in that area.

AB 511 implements the recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and numerous expert bodies by replacing mandated universal TB testing with risk assessment screening and testing only of high-risk individuals. The best scientific guidance suggests we should not test low-risk populations, but only high-risk individuals. To implement this guidance, AB 511 eliminates widespread TB testing requirements, and instead requires assessment of TB risk. Doing so will protect employees and others from unnecessary treatment. This bill will help avoid periodic shortages of TB testing antigens, will save medical resources for those who need them most, and will protect workers and volunteers from unnecessary testing and treatment



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For this reason, the County of Riverside supports AB 511. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact our Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110, bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



John Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Juan Arambula, Member, California State Assembly
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