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Assembly Member Isadore Hall
Attention: Brian Duke (brian.duke@asm.ca.gov)
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RE: SUPPORT FOR YOUR AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 1576 (HALL)

The Board of Directors of the California Academy of Preventive Medicine (CAPM) has unanimously voted to support AB 1576. We previously supported your similar bills, AB 332 and AB 640. CAPM is the state medical specialty society for physicians in the practice of public health and prevention. Our membership includes public health officials responsible for prevention and control of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, as well as specialists in occupational health and infection control.

We have long had concerns about the subject of lack of use of condoms and other infection control precautions in the adult film industry (AFI). This is a clear employee safety issue. In addition, the display of safe sex practices could be a valuable role model for millions of people viewing the videos and films.

We are particularly pleased that this bill requires testing for STDs as well as condoms. **The bill could be improved by specifying that CDC-recommended tests must be included, for at least those STDs which have been acquired through AFI work, as per conclusions of state or local public health investigations.**

Porn film producers should not be able to simply cross county lines to evade proper worker safety and infection control. AB 1576 extends the safe practices approved in November by the voters of L.A. County and subsequently by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to this industry statewide.

Please assure that the California Academy of Preventive Medicine is listed as an official supporter in any bill analyses for committees or floor action, and keep us informed of any amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald O. Lyman".

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