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The Honorable Autumn Burke
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 5150
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1110 (BURKE) SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Burke,

[Organization] is proud to support your AB 1110 to give our school-aged children the opportunity for clear vision and lifelong health.

Clear vision and eye health is crucial for our students’ learning. Eighty percent of learning happens through the eyes, and vision is increasingly important for students to use technology as well as see blackboards and read books.

While current state law requires a vision screening for students, these superficial exams fail to detect one in three children significant vision and eye health problems, such as binocular vision deficiencies, that can impede reading. Nor do these superficial exams screen for serious concerns like diabetes or eye cancers that threaten vision and health. Only a comprehensive eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist can detect the full range of disorders that affect children’s learning and test for significantly disabling conditions.

Vision disorders are the most prevalent disabling childhood conditions. One in four students has vision concerns that can impede learning. These concerning statistics are the reason AB 1110 is so crucial to our children and their future.

AB 1110 will increase California’s students’ learning potential by requiring comprehensive eye exams upon starting school (entry to school not prohibited if child does not receive exam). Importantly, these crucial health examinations come at no cost to California families. The Affordable Care Act guarantees children a no-cost comprehensive eye exam, covered through their private or public health insurance plans. Unfortunately, many parents are unaware of this benefit, or the crucial role comprehensive eye exams play in their children’s health.

[Insert information about your organization and why you are supporting AB 1110].

[Organization] is proud to support AB 1110 to help open a lifetime of clear sight and overall health for all of California’s children.

Sincerely,

[name], [title], [Organization]

[signature]

cc: Members of the Assembly Health Committee