



CITY OF
HUNTINGTON BEACH

Casey McKeon | Mayor

May 6, 2026

The Honorable Jeff Gonzalez
California State Assembly
1020 N Street, Suite 4230
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 634 (Gonzalez) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez:

On behalf of the City of Huntington Beach, I am writing to express our strong support for AB 634 (Gonzalez), which would prohibit the manufacture, distribution, and sale of products containing tianeptine in California.

Tianeptine is an unapproved drug in the United States that has increasingly been sold in convenience stores, smoke shops, and gas stations, often marketed as a dietary supplement despite its potent psychoactive effects. At high doses, it can produce opioid-like effects and presents a significant risk of misuse, dependency, and serious public health consequences. The availability of this substance through unregulated retail channels creates a growing concern for local governments tasked with protecting community health and safety.

AB 634 takes a clear and necessary step by prohibiting the manufacture, distribution, and offer for sale of tianeptine products in California, and by authorizing enforcement. These provisions will help close an existing regulatory gap and provide the City with tools to address the proliferation of these dangerous products in neighborhood retail settings.

The City of Huntington Beach is on the front lines of addressing substance misuse, emergency response, and community impacts associated with unregulated drugs. Allowing tianeptine to be sold openly in retail environments undermines public safety efforts and places additional strain on local law enforcement and public health resources. By removing these products from the marketplace, AB 634 will help reduce exposure, particularly among youth, and prevent further harm. For these reasons, the City of Huntington Beach offers our strong support.

Sincerely,

Casey McKeon, Mayor
City of Huntington Beach