



May 10, 2022

The Honorable Patricia Bates  
California State Senate, 36<sup>th</sup> District  
1021 O Street, Suite 7130  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT: SB 904 – CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: TREATMENT**

Dear Senator Bates,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of many Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

ACC-OC is pleased to offer its support for Senate Bill 904. We believe this bill will help address the effects of the ongoing opioid epidemic by clarifying current statutes to ensure our criminal justice system helps educate and treat those offenders who are suffering from opioid addiction. SB 904 is common-sense legislation necessary to proactively address the ongoing opioid epidemic by educating offenders on the effects of substance abuse. The opioid epidemic continues to wreak havoc on individuals, their families, and our communities, and the pandemic has only exacerbated these issues, making this legislation all that more important.

Should you have any questions about our position or about ACC-OC, please contact Jenn Lowe, ACC-OC Director of Legislative and External Affairs, at (714) 953-1300 or at [jlowe@accoc.org](mailto:jlowe@accoc.org).

Sincerely,

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