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THE HONORABLE GAVIN NEWSOM, GOVERNOR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95184

Re: **SENATE BILL 1249 (Roth) – CCoA Sponsored**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the California Commission on Aging (CCoA), **sponsor of SB 1249 (Roth)**, I respectfully request your signature on this measure. The bill passed the Assembly 76-0 and the Senate 38-0.

The CCoA is established in the Older Californians Act as an independent advisory body and principal advocate before the Governor, the Legislature, and State and federal agencies on behalf of California's older adults. Commission members represent the State's cultural and geographic diversity. Commissioners are consumers and providers of aging services, as well as researchers and academicians with decades of professional expertise within and outside the field of aging.

This bill updates and revises legislative findings and declarations within the Mello Grandlund Older Californians Act (Act) relating to California's significant demographic shift towards an older and more diverse population and declares intent to reform functions relating to area agencies on aging (AAA).

This timely measure advances priorities of the California Master Plan for Aging by modernizing and strengthening California's aging services network in preparation for 2030 when one quarter of the state's population will be 60 years of age or older. In addition to strengthening services, the bill also improves accountability and conforms to federal law.



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The CCoA is pleased to be the sponsor of SB 1249 and respectfully asks for your signature in enacting this important measure.

If you have any questions, you may contact me or Karol Swartzlander, CCoA Executive Director, at karol.swartzlander@cco.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Brown".

Cheryl Brown, Chair
California Commission on Aging