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The Honorable Marc Berman
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RE: SB 351 – Support – As Introduced

Dear Assemblymember Berman,

The California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (California ACEP), representing emergency physicians treating California's patients in more than 14 million emergency department visits annually, **is pleased to support SB 351.**

SB 351 would strengthen the ban on the corporate practice of medicine by preventing private equity groups and hedge funds that are involved with physician practices from interfering with clinical decision-making.

In the last 10 years, there has been a substantial increase in the acquisition of healthcare practices by private equity groups. Between 2012 and 2021, the number of private equity healthcare acquisitions increased by 600% according to the Nicholas C. Petris Center on Health Care Markets and Consumer Welfare, University of California, Berkeley. It is important to ensure that this growing trend does not negatively impact patient care.

SB 351 safeguards the long-standing principle that clinical decision-making and treatment decisions remain exclusively in the hands of licensed healthcare providers by allowing the Attorney General to take action against private equity groups that infringe on these choices.

For these reasons, California ACEP is pleased to support this important piece of legislation. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (916) 325-5455.

Respectfully,

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