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Via Hand Delivery

AB 1884 (Harper) Support - An Act to Add Section 5166 to the Vehicle Code – Mental Health License Plates – Please Remove from Suspense File

The California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations (CAMHPRO) is a nonprofit statewide organization consisting of consumer-run organizations and programs. CAMHPRO's mission is to transform communities and the mental health system throughout California to empower, support, and ensure the rights of consumers, eliminate stigma, and advance self-determination for all those affected by mental health issues by championing the work of consumer-run organizations.

Assembly Bill 1884 would establish the Mental Health Awareness Fund for mental health awareness and education. The fund would be generated by the sale of license plates with a mental health awareness message.

This bill is important to CAMHPRO and the mental health community. California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations, many organizations, coalitions, and individuals have made it our purpose to work to eliminate stigma and discrimination related to mental health.

The bill proposes a perfect solution, using a mental health awareness message on license plates to raise funds to support mental health awareness and education, raising funds for mental health awareness by raising mental health awareness.

Mental health stigma and discrimination not only threaten the civil rights of individuals with mental health challenges, but inhibits and prevents individuals from seeking treatment. Please support AB 1884 and the mental health community to bring awareness and education to help end stigmatization of people with mental health challenges.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-341-9460, or Heidi Strunk, CAMHPRO Advocacy Coordinator, at 916-212-3685.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Honorable Member Matthew Harper