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## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB2572 (Calderon)

Pupil health: air quality

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Dear Assembly Member O'Donnell, and members of the Education Committee,

A Voice for Choice Advocacy asks for your **AYE VOTE on AB2572**, which would require school districts to require pupils to remain indoors during school hours when the applicable air pollution control district or air quality management district has issued a public alert for an unhealthy or very unhealthy air quality day.

Children can be sensitive to the outdoor air quality, especially if they have allergies or asthma. Studies by Gilliland and his colleagues have found that children living near busy roadways—surrounded by particulate air pollution—are more likely to develop asthma and other breathing disorders.

Many schools are already keeping children inside when there is a bad air quality day, but AB2572 would ensure all children are not exposed to toxic pollutants. For this reason, we ask that you support AB2572.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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