



Petition to Preserve the Doctor-Patient Relationship Opposing SB276 and AB262

Signature Collection Instructions:

Purpose: To collect constituent signatures opposing SB276 and AB262

Who can sign: Any adult (18+) who lives in California. They do NOT have to be a registered voter

What will happen to their information/signature: Their name, city and zipcode will be presented to the legislature for these two bills only. Their email address will be added to the A Voice for Choice Advocacy database as having signed the petition, but they can unsubscribe from the database at any time.

Where can you collect signatures: Without permission on public property. With permission on private property. Great places are farmer's markets, street fairs, churches (with permission), etc.

Code of Conduct: Always be polite, to the point and remember the key is to get as many signatures as quickly as possible.

How to approach a potential petition signer – DO NOT MAKE THIS ABOUT VACCINES:

First approach – ask one of the following questions:

- **Do you believe your child's medical decisions should be between you and your doctor, or in the hands of a state bureaucrat?**
- **Do you believe medical decisions should be between you and your doctor, or in the hands of a state bureaucrat?**
- **Should the State or your doctor make medical decisions for you and your family?**

Once stopped add:

Please add your name to the list of those who support medical decisions remaining with doctors and patients. We on this list oppose SB276 which would put California medical exemption decisions in the hands of a bureaucrat who never meets the patient. And AB262 which would allow local health officers to take any and all action in the time of an emergency. Will you join us and sign this petition today?

Only show the page with the bill summary descriptions only if they ask for more info

Once signed say:

Thank you – for more information, you can go to www.SB-276.info

Once a signature page is full, take a picture of it and email it to petitions@avoiceforchoiceadvocacy.org



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To the Honorable Governor and Legislature of the State of California,

We, the undersigned people of California, are writing in regards to Senate Bill 276 and Assembly Bill 262 and asking you to OPPOSE both bills when they come before you. Both these bills would allow public health officers to direct medical treatment of Californian citizens and override the doctor patient relationship.

As your constituents, we ask that you vote NO on SB 276 and AB 262, and trust California's medical providers, our state licensing board and do not legislate practice of medicine.

Summary of Bills

SB276

SB 276 Breaks the Legislature's Promises and contradicts Senators Pan and Allen's own public promises made during the SB 277 hearings: "medical exemption that is at the professional judgment of the physician" (Pan) and a "strong and robust medical exemption so that anybody who has a legitimate medical concern...can get a medical exemption from a doctor" (Allen).

SB 276 Is a Solution in Search of a Problem as the main theme of the bill is to target unscrupulous doctors "selling" "fake" medical exemptions, but there is NO evidence of this happening. The bill also questions the validity of the California Medical Board, undermines due process and the California Medical Board licensing system set up by our state to monitor our physicians.

SB 276 Threatens the Doctor-Patient Relationship, a concern to the rank and file doctors and patients. It would be unprecedented to have a law that a doctor could not provide honest advice.

AB 262

AB 262 gives unilateral, blanket authority to the health officer. Laws are to be narrowly tailored, and specific. This bill is not. Without being defined this bill is overly broad and could lead to an abuse of power.

AB 262 would allow a health officer to have these powers at all times because there could always be a perception of an imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease.

