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The Honorable Senator Bill Dodd

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**Re: Support SB 842 Health Care: Medical Reuse and Redistribution 2021-2022**

Dear Senator Dodd and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

Thank you for the opportunity to give you feedback on SB 842 Medical Goods Reuse and Distribution. As promoters of wellbeing for our older adults through education, collaboration, and advocacy, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance is in support of SB 842, advocating for having durable medical equipment available for reuse by members of our community.

Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance’s priority issues include long-term care planning, and the California Master Plan for Aging outlines goals that include affordable aging. The reuse and redistribution of needed medical equipment would be a step forward in meeting these goals. According to the Master Plan for Aging, by 2030, 10.8 million Californians, which is up to one quarter of the state’s population, will be an older adult. The medical equipment in question is used more often by older adults, but durable medical equipment has co-payments that can be difficult for our lower-income older adults to afford. Having this bill with a multiple-year trial will help create a cost-effective program, thus meeting the needs of our population while reducing waste.

We appreciate the bills you put forth to assist our older adults in aging with dignity and independence.

Sincerely,

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