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The Honorable Senator Anna Caballero  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 412  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1415 (Bonta) – OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Caballero,

On behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) and the over 2,000 member businesses and over 300,000 jobs we represent, I am writing to express our opposition to AB 1415 (Bonta). AB 1415 will pile additional regulatory burdens onto the healthcare industry, which is grappling with the impact of unfunded state mandates and federal threats.

As the largest local chamber on the West Coast, the Chamber is a strong advocate for a robust and successful system of healthcare provision. We appreciate the State's efforts to reduce costs for insurers, businesses, and patients. We fully support the State's goal of making healthcare more affordable and accessible for all. Unfortunately, the Office of Healthcare Affordability (OHCA) has not helped in achieving this goal. Instead, OHCA has moved to quickly implement burdensome spending targets without stringent methodology and without considering the cost drivers burdening our state's healthcare providers. OHCA's current policies require healthcare providers to reduce spending while they are being forced to spend more on labor costs, seismic upgrades, costly pharmaceuticals, and other arbitrary state regulations. AB 1415 would concerningly increase OHCA's oversight authority, allowing OHCA to access private equity data. The bill's goal seems to be to disincentivize private investment in healthcare and allow for additional cost targets to be set. This is a recipe for less investment in healthcare statewide at a time it is critically needed. Cuts to Medicaid at the federal level will result in an enormous decrease in public funding for our healthcare system, and private spending will be required to fill resulting gaps. AB 1415 will limit this spending, increasing OHCA's authority and straining our state and regional healthcare providers further.

For these reasons, we respectfully request the committee's opposition to AB 1415. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Evan Strawn, Policy Advisor, at [estrawn@sdchamber.org](mailto:estrawn@sdchamber.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Cate', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Chris Cate**

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