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Support for Public Health Workers

In recent months, we've acknowledged the critical role California's public health workers have played in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. These nurses, physicians, first responders, and many other health professionals deserve recognition and appreciation for protecting our communities during these trying times.

Public health workers often navigate difficult political and public expectations while developing recommendations that must balance rapidly changing science and extensive health and economic impacts. Sadly, this has resulted in threats of violence from concerned citizens towards public health officials making these recommendations.

We call upon state representatives and healthcare associations to support and protect their public health workers, condemn intimidation and threats of violence, and to provide resources to help mitigate the financial and emotional harms. We must work tirelessly to protect the health and well-being of our communities and public health workers in California.

On behalf of ANA/C and Board of Directors,

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