



April 1, 2019

The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Capitol, Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: SB 314 (Dodd) Elders and dependent adults: abandonment – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Dodd,

I am writing to you on behalf of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) to support SB 314. CARA is California's largest grassroots senior advocacy organization, representing over 1,000,000 seniors and their families through our 270+ affiliated organizations.

SB 314 would clarify existing law by updating the Enhanced Remedies section of the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act.

Existing law, the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, provides for the award of attorney's fees and costs to, and the recovery of damages by, a plaintiff when it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant is liable for physical abuse or neglect, as defined, and the defendant has also been found guilty of recklessness, oppression, fraud, or malice in the commission of that abuse.

This bill would extend those remedies to cases in which the defendant is liable for abandonment, as defined, and the above conditions have been met.

For these reasons, CARA supports SB 314 and looks forward to working with you on its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hene Kelly".

Hene Kelly
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