



April 1, 2019

The Honorable Holly Mitchell
California State Capitol Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: SB 361 (Mitchell) Medi-Cal: Health Home Program – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Mitchell,

I am writing to you on behalf of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) to support SB 361. CARA is California's largest grassroots senior advocacy organization, representing over 1,000,000 seniors and their families through our 270+ affiliated organizations. Healthcare for all Californians is one of the organization's main priorities.

CARA congratulates you for your efforts to continue the Home Health Program beyond its original end date. For the last five years the program has proven effective in reaching out to vulnerable people with enhanced case management services and coordination for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with multiple chronic health conditions or one serious mental illness.

It is imperative that California address the growing needs of this population, many of whom are experiencing homelessness, by establishing a tiered payment rate system, funding in-person outreach to eligible individuals, and partnering with local homeless systems to identify and refer potentially-eligible participants.

For these reasons, CARA enthusiastically supports SB 361 and looks forward to working with you on its passage.

Sincerely,

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

Hene Kelly
Legislative Director
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