



Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
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**Re: AB 279 (Support)**

**March , 2021**

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

I am writing to you on behalf of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) in support of AB 279. CARA is California's largest grassroots senior advocacy organization, representing over 1,000,000 seniors and their families through our 300+ affiliated organizations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that operators of intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities can summarily eject patients from their facilities to improve the operators' incomes to the detriment of their former patients. AB 279 limits the ability of operators to do this or to stop providing or change the care being provided during the COVID-19 pandemic. This protects vulnerable patients, many of whom are seniors and/or disabled, from such capricious and harmful actions.

Therefore, CARA supports AB 279 and thanks you for introducing this important legislation. CARA looks forward to working with you on its passage.

Sincerely,

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

**Hene Kelly**  
**CARA Legislative Director**