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Senator Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 128 (Wolk) – Support as Amended April 14th, 2015

Dear Senator Lara,

The American Nurses Association\California (ANA\C) is pleased to support Senate Bill 128 (Wolk) as amended April 14th, 2015. ANA\C is a bi-partisan professional organization representing nearly 4,400 registered nurses in California. Our mission is to advance the quality of health care and ethical practice of nursing in contemporary society through legislation, regulation and policy advocacy. ANA\C has been extensively involved in legislative efforts, supporting many bills that have become California law and are assisting in making California a place of nursing excellence.

SB 128 would enact the End of Life Option Act authorizing adults that meet certain set criteria and qualification and who have been seen, examined and their health status determined by their treating physician as suffering from a terminal disease to request prescribed medications for the purpose of ending their life. Moreover, this bill would establish approved procedures, including appropriate documentations, for making these requests. Additionally, SB 128 would require specific medical records documentation clearly stating all oral and written requests for aid-in-dying medication. SB 128 removes access to care barriers prohibiting individuals from exercising their own individual healthcare choice or decision. For these reasons, ANA\C is in support of SB 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tricia Hunter', written in a cursive style.

Tricia Hunter, RN, MN
ANA\C Executive Director and Lobbyist

cc: Senate Appropriations Committee