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The Honorable Laura Friedman  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5740  
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**RE: AB 1399: Veterinary medicine: telehealth**  
**POSITION: Neutral (per September 1, 2023 Amended Version)**

Dear Assemblymember Friedman,

The California Veterinary Medical Association, representing 7,800 veterinary medical professionals in the state, has removed its opposition to AB 1399, based on the amended version of your bill published on September 1, 2023. The CVMA's official position is now "Neutral."

The CVMA wishes to thank you and the bill sponsors for accepting two amendments:

- A 14-day limit on prescribed antibiotics and a requirement that the animal patient be examined in-person by a veterinarian should more antibiotics be contemplated. This amendment better aligns with previous state legislative efforts to curb antibiotic resistance [SB 27 (Hill-2015) / SB 835 (Hill-2014)].
- Incorporation of language pertaining to the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) that was recommended by both the CVMA and the state Veterinary Medical Board (VMB). This specific language is important because it will avoid several issues with existing statutes and regulations and thus reduce implementation costs and effort.

Thank you for working with the CVMA on these two issues stated above.

Sincerely,

Dan Baxter  
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Mason and Elissa Silva, Consultants, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee  
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