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The Honorable Marc Levine
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RE: SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 1372 (Levine); Crisis Stabilization Units, as amended on March 30, 2017.

Dear Assembly Member Levine:

The Napa County Board of Supervisors today voted unanimously to support your measure, Assembly (AB) 1372, as amended on March 30, 2017, that would create a facility waiver application process for designated crisis stabilization units (CSUs).

The proposed process would allow CSUs to provide medically necessary crisis stabilization services beyond the current limitation of 24 hours to individuals in need of a placement that is not readily available. CSUs are part of a continuum of care for mental health treatment. Services at CSUs are provided to people in acute distress associated with a mental health issue. The CSU team works to stabilize the emotional and behavioral health crisis as treatment specialists determine if the best course of action is to refer an individual to outpatient or inpatient treatment. Treatment teams work closely with patients to build coping skills, reduce symptoms, and empower self-care. AB 1372 would allow a longer care period than the current 24-hour limitation. The extra time is needed in some cases to reduce the likelihood an individual in need of services will be released without care or transported to an emergency room.

For these reasons, the Board unanimously supports AB 1372 and looks forward to its passage into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Belia Ramos".

Belia Ramos

Chair, Napa County Board of Supervisors

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