



Ease California's doctor shortage by supporting SB 491, 492 and 493

Senator Ed Hernandez's access to care package

California's Major Newspapers Agree:

San Jose Mercury News

EDITORIAL ~ APRIL 12, 2013

Curing California's acute doctor shortage

"The state needs another 2,000 doctors, and the situation will get dramatically worse next year—even in Silicon Valley—when between 2–4 million Californians obtain health insurance under Obamacare and go looking for a doctor... California has to make more efficient use of its medical professionals to serve newly-insured patients. Instead of fighting Hernandez's bills, doctors should work with him to build in safeguards."

Los Angeles Daily News

EDITORIAL ~ APRIL 28, 2013

Bills the right prescription for California's health care provider gap

"Ideally we would have enough primary care doctors to serve all current and potential patients and enough money to afford it. That's not realistic, or even cost-efficient for the future. California has to be innovative in its use of medical professionals to serve newly insured patients."

Los Angeles Times

EDITORIAL ~ APRIL 21, 2013

An Rx for the doctor shortage

"Nurse practitioners, optometrists and pharmacists...all have graduate degrees, and all receive much of the same basic instruction in science, physiology and medicine as doctors... The quickest way to improve the situation is to let medical professionals do more of what they can do, and already are doing in many other states. It would also help keep the cost of treatment from climbing out of more Californians' reach, regardless of how many doctors are nearby, without reducing the quality of their care."

The Sacramento Bee

EDITORIAL ~ APRIL 22, 2013

Chance to take helpful steps on primary care

"...doesn't have to mean reducing standards or 'dumbing down' medicine. It doesn't have to mean increased fragmentation or lack of coordinated care. It means making better use of the training of the medical professionals we have, while boosting training to meet the demands of the future."

Sacramento Bee

EDITORIAL ~ MAY 24, 2013

Make better use of nurse practitioners

"...Our health care system needs a healthy mix of primary care health professionals – primary care doctors with seven or eight years of postgraduate training after their four years of college, and nurse practitioners with four or five years of postgraduate training after college.

...We need to make better use of the health professionals we have, including nurse practitioners. The Senate should pass SB 491."

The Bakersfield Californian

EDITORIAL ~ APRIL 16, 2013

State's doctor shortage needs emergency step

"Hernandez, who is the chairman of the state Senate Health Committee, has proposed legislation that would allow many of those with licensed medical expertise to treat patients more directly, though only in their areas of specialty. The shortage is especially grievous in the Central Valley and Kern County in particular. California needs to take this step – quickly."