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The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 38 (Alquist)
CAPA Position: Support

Dear Senator Leno,

The California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) urges your support of SB 38 (Alquist) when it is heard April 21 in your committee. CAPA represents 52 Public Authorities and Non-Profit Consortia operating in 55 counties, each of whom serves as the local employer of record and maintains the provider registry for the IHSS program.

SB 38 calls on the State's law enforcement agencies to deploy a "Silver Alert" system to coordinate media alerts and highway-sign messaging to help track missing adults who are over 65 and Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments.

Such systems work. Just this past weekend, a missing 77-year-old woman in Sanibel, Florida, was located using that state's system, according to the Fort Myers *News-Press*. Besides Florida, the states all ready with Silver Alert systems include Illinois, Colorado, Kentucky, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia. Other states, such as Indiana and New Jersey, are right now considering them.

California owes it to its elderly and their families to adopt a Silver Alert of its own, and CAPA strongly urges your support.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Schinske".

Don Schinske
Legislative Advocate

cc. The Honorable John Benoit, Vice Chair
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