



April 15, 2021

Senator Richard Pan, M.D., Chair
Senate Committee on Health
State Capitol, Room 2191
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 110 Substance use disorder services: contingency management services.
– SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Pan,

Alcohol Justice urges your support of SB 110 because it would authorize the use, if federally approved, of contingency management programs for Medi-Cal patients. Such programs would feature an incentive structure, including, but not limited to, scaling rewards for continued evidence of specified behaviors or adherence to treatment goals, that rewards participants for specified behaviors, such as obtaining negative urinalysis test results.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the rate of deaths due to methamphetamine use is increasing under the COVID-19 pandemic. While there is now a Food and Drug Administration-approved medical treatment to aid in treatment of opioid use disorder, the *New England Journal of Medicine* found this year that there is no FDA-approved medical treatment to aid treating methamphetamine use disorder. But, while there is no FDA-approved medical treatment, the National Institute of Drug Abuse has found that contingency management programs are, if properly supervised, an effective substitute for such treatment.

Given the rise in methamphetamine deaths, the lack of an FDA-approved medical treatment to help reduce methamphetamine use disorder, and the availability of this effective substitute, SB 110 could help save a significant number of Californians' lives.

For these reasons, Alcohol Justice urges an "aye" vote for SB 110.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Lee Livingston".

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