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The Honorable Assemblymember Alanis
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 4640
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 310 (Alanis) – Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act Amendment

Dear Assemblymember Alanis,

On behalf of the Black Youth Leadership Project (BYLP), I am writing to express our strong support for AB 310, which enhances the existing Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act by requiring youth sports coaches to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) operation. Additionally, this bill mandates that youth sports organizations develop and implement a comprehensive cardiac emergency response plan while ensuring proper maintenance of AEDs.

At BYLP, we are committed to the safety, well-being, and development of young people. Many of the students we serve participate in youth sports, and we recognize the critical role that **emergency preparedness** plays in safeguarding their lives. Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death among young athletes, and **quick, informed action can mean the difference between life and death**. By equipping coaches with the necessary CPR and AED training, AB 310 ensures that life-saving interventions can occur **immediately**, rather than waiting for emergency medical personnel to arrive.

This bill is especially crucial for **historically underserved communities**, where access to trained medical professionals and AEDs may already be limited. By implementing **standardized emergency response plans** and ensuring **AED accessibility and functionality**, AB 310 will provide equitable protection for all student-athletes, regardless of socioeconomic background.

While we acknowledge concerns about potential implementation costs, we believe that the **long-term benefits far outweigh the short-term financial burdens**. Investing in training and preparedness will not only save lives but also reduce liability risks for youth sports organizations by ensuring that appropriate measures are in place.

For these reasons, we **strongly support AB 310** and respectfully urge its swift passage. Thank you for your leadership in prioritizing youth safety, and we look forward to working alongside you to ensure that every young athlete has the protection they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lorreen R. Pryor', with a stylized, flowing script.

Lorreen R. Pryor
President/CEO
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