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May 13, 2015

Dr. Jay S. Grossman
Homeless Not Toothless
11980 San Vicente Boulevard, Suite 507
Brentwood, California 90049

Dear Dr. Grossman:

As State Senator for the 40th District, I am pleased to write in support of the Homeless Not Toothless volunteers who provide free preventative and acute dental care services to homeless Veterans, Foster children, and low-income individuals.

In the United States, approximately 19% of children lack dental care services. In addition, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the lack of dental care services is one of the top three unmet needs. Dental problems, such as pain and/or missing teeth can be tremendous barriers in seeking and obtaining employment. Having the adequate dental care gives Veterans a significant improvement in general health and self-esteem, supporting the notion that dental care is an important aspect of the overall concept of homeless rehabilitation.

My job as State Senator is to work to improve the lives of all Californians. As a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, I am pleased to learn and fully support the Homeless Not Toothless volunteers who are committed to providing these services to the homeless Veterans and the underserved. Should you have any comments on this, please feel free to reach out to my Chula Vista District Office at (619) 409-7690.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ben Hueso in black ink.

BEN HUESO
State Senator, 40th District

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