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The Honorable Blanca E. Rubio, Chair  
Assembly Human Services Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5175  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 210 (Santiago), As Introduced – Support  
Relating to Homeless Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams - Assembly  
Human Services Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Rubio,

(Name of your Organization) supports AB 210 (Santiago) relating to Homeless multidisciplinary personnel teams.

Specifically, AB 210 would: 1) authorize counties to establish homeless adult, child and family multidisciplinary teams (MDTs); 2) require counties that choose to establish homeless MDTs to develop protocols on sharing confidential information; 3) authorize MDT members to exchange confidential information in-person, telephonically and electronically; and 4) establish privacy protections.

Currently, there is no statutory authority for county departments and homeless service providers to share data on homeless youth, families, or single adults. The ability to share information would help to facilitate the identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless youth, families and individuals to the most appropriate housing and supportive services. It also would enable county departments and agencies to know what services homeless persons are currently receiving or have received in the past.

In January 2016, Los Angeles County released a study on services to homeless single adults which found that 40 percent of the total expenditures were incurred on behalf of just five percent of the single adults known to have been homeless during Fiscal Year 2014-15. Based on this study, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed County staff to target rental subsidies and related services to this heavy-user population. In response, the County developed a process where a heavy-services user list is made available to relevant County departments. However, because of current legal constraints, the information on the list of heavy users of services is limited to identifying information, such as name and date of birth, and does not include any information on current or past county services. This experience in Los Angeles County exemplifies the need for this legislation.

AB 210 would achieve better coordination of services and strengthen continuity of care for the homeless population.

We urge your "AYE" vote on AB 210.

Sincerely,

(Add your name)

c: Assembly Member Miguel Santiago  
Each Member and Consultant,  
Assembly Human Services Committee