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Senator Patricia C. Bates
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Dear Senator Bates:

America's Blood Centers is the national organization bringing together community-based, independent blood centers. Our member organizations operate more than 600 blood collection sites providing close to 60 percent of the U.S., and a quarter of the Canadian, blood supply. These blood centers serve more than 150 million people and provide blood products and services to more than 3,500 hospitals and healthcare facilities across North America. All ABC U.S. members are licensed and regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

We are expressing our strong support for SB 1025, which would establish a tax credit process for businesses that sponsor blood drives.

COVID-19 has severely impacted traditional means of collecting blood, including at business-based mobile events, straining our nation's blood supply. This public health emergency has caused a decrease in the number of blood donors and an increase in cancelled blood drives across California. Although the need for blood remains consistent to help people survive traumatic accidents, cancer treatments, surgeries, and more, it is estimated that just three percent of the eligible population in California donates blood each year.

Recognizing organizations that hold donation events would encourage more businesses to partner with community-based blood centers, increasing supply at a particularly critical time. For these reasons, we strongly urge passage of SB 1025 without delay.

Please direct any follow up and/or questions to Diane Calmus, Senior Director, Federal Government Affairs at dcalmus@americasblood.org.

Sincerely,

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