

# Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

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July 16, 2018

Senator Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
via fax: 916-651-4925

RE: AB 2233(KALRA) as amended May 25, 2018 –SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Senior Services Coalition represents 40 organizations that together provide health and supportive services to over 65,000 seniors in Alameda County. We are writing in support of AB 2233 (Kalra).

When it comes down to something as fundamental and personal as where a person lives, choice is important. Older adults who need assistance want to be able to live in their own home. But if that is not possible, most would prefer an alternative community-based setting over a nursing home.

AB 2233 would improve the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) Program by increasing the number of participant slots, expanding the geographic service area, and revising the provider reimbursement methodology. The ALW gives seniors and persons with disabilities the choice to receive Medi-Cal services in an assisted living facility or public subsidized housing, rather than a nursing home.

We urge you and the Committee to support this legislation.

Sincerely,



Wendy Peterson  
Director

CC: Senator Nancy Skinner; Senator Bob Weickowski