The Honorable Jim Cooper  
California State Assembly, 9th District  
State Capitol, Room 6025  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Re:  **AB 664 (Cooper) Workers’ Compensation: injury: communicable disease**  
City of Beverly Hills – Support

Dear Assemblymember Cooper,  

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT** of your **AB 664**, which would establish a conclusive presumption for front-line first responders, such as police, firefighters, and healthcare workers, if they contract COVID-19 or any other infectious disease when a state or local government has declared a state of emergency.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and issued subsequent Executive Orders, including a Stay at Home Order (N-33-20). Firefighters, peace officers, and healthcare workers were deemed essential workers under the Governor’s Executive Order and are statutorily required to provide vital services during states of emergency. This places them at a heightened risk of exposure to and death from, COVID-19.

**AB 664** will ensure that first responders and healthcare workers are eligible for workplace protections should they fall ill due to COVID-19 or any other communicable disease while a state or local government state of emergency is in effect. Under **AB 664**, workplace protections shall include all of the following: full hospital, surgical, medical treatment, disability indemnity, and death benefits to all peace officers, firefighters, and healthcare workers who contract COVID-19 or any communicable disease.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to **SUPPORT** your **AB 664**. Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,  

Lester J. Friedman  
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc:  Members and Consultants, Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement  
Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District  
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District  
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