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The Honorable Roger Hernandez
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SUBJECT: **AB 2436 (Hernandez) HEALTH CARE COVERAGE: DISCLOSURES: DRUG PRICING – OPPOSE**
Assembly Health Committee
Set for Hearing: April 19, 2016

Dear Assembly Member Hernandez:

The California Association of Health Underwriters (CAHU) regrets we must OPPOSE your AB 2436, as amended April 6, 2016, as it seeks to add new, unnecessary paperwork mandates to prescription process.

While CAHU supports the author's efforts to bring additional transparency in medical costs, including prescription drugs, AB 2436 does not help in that regard. AB 2436 adds new paperwork mandates by requiring the disclosure to a consumer by a health plan the prescription drug's cost in Germany, Mexico and Canada, among other provisions. CAHU does not believe that health plans have or control this information. It more appropriately should be asked of the drug manufacturer.

For these reasons, CAHU must OPPOSE AB 2436 (Hernandez). We are available to discuss our concerns with you or your staff at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Julianne Broyles

cc: Members, Assembly Health Committee
Kristene Mapile, Assembly Health Committee Consultant
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