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Hawaii Chapter

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To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator David Ige, Chair

Re: **Support- SB2494**  
**Prescription drug coverage; medically necessary; continuation of coverage**

Dear Senator Ige:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter is in **SUPPORT** of SB 2494.

As pediatricians we work hard on getting our children with chronic diseases to accept and use medication to optimize their health. We frequently have issues with needing syrups or chewable tablets as many children are not able to swallow whole tablets or capsules. In addition we frequently must manipulate the syrups in order to find a brand that is palatable for the individual.

The health of the child is potentially compromised when medications need to be changed solely to accommodate changes in health plan and drug coverage.

For these reasons we are in full support of SB 2494.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Galen YK Chock, MD".

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