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The Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman Member of the Senate, 5th Senate District 1021 O Street, Suite 8530 Sacramento, CA 95814

> Re: SB 1182 (Eggman) Position: Support

Dear Senator Eggman,

On behalf of the California Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, a non-profit organization with 661 members who are certified family law specialists by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization, I write to support Senate Bill 1182.

SB 1182 has the laudable goals of a) providing veterans with service-connected mental health disorders additional opportunities for assistance, and b) that if mental illness is a factor in deciding custody, then the court must provide the reason it is so. This bill promotes transparency in custodial determinations.

Respectfully submitted,

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