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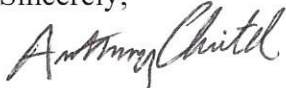
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Dear Tom:

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) would be happy to support the legislation proposed in the Spectrum Institute's "A Bill to Promote Access to Justice and Effective Assistance of Counsel in Probate Conservatorship Proceedings." Real due process requires all proposed conservatees be represented by counsel who advocate zealously. The California conservatorship system has many pronounced defects. The appointment of counsel charged with zealous advocacy for all proposed conservatees would resolve many of those defects.

Sincerely,



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