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(SACRAMENTO, CA) – Today, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, PhD, Executive Director of the California Access Coalition issued the following statement in response to the California Assembly Health Committee passing Senate Bill 873 by Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena):

"We are thrilled to announce that the Assembly Health Committee has passed SB 873, a significant milestone in our ongoing pursuit of affordable prescription medications for California patients. This critical bill addresses the urgent need of reforming the current prescription drug rebate system, ensuring affordable access to lifesaving and life-sustaining medications.

"We commend the members of the Assembly Health Committee for their unwavering support on behalf of patients throughout California. This achievement affirms our shared vision of a health care system that leaves no patient behind.

"Additionally, we extend our gratitude to Senator Bradford and all those who have worked tirelessly to help advance SB 873. It is through collaborative efforts that we can influence positive change for patients in need.

"Together, we can prioritize patient wellbeing and empower individuals to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. We remain steadfast in our commitment to advocating for a health care system that benefits all patients to have access to the medications they need."

About California Access Coalition

The California Access Coalition (CAC) is a network of local and state behavioral health organizations, patient advocacy groups, and pharmaceutical companies that advocate to eliminate barriers that keep Californians from accessing medication and behavioral health treatment. Follow CAC on <u>Twitter</u> and learn more by visiting <u>www.californiaaccesscoalition.org</u>.