Date (PLEASE SUBMIT ASAP)

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Governor, State of California

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Signature SB 10 (Lara) – Providing All Californians Access to Covered California**

Dear Governor Brown,

I am writing on behalf of ORGANIZATION NAME to express support for Senate Bill 10 (Lara). SB 10 will require the state to apply for a federal waiver, under Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act. This waiver would allow undocumented immigrants and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients to buy unsubsidized health coverage through our state marketplace.

ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

You’ve shown great leadership by taking the first step of recognizing the importance of access to quality healthcare for undocumented immigrants by expanding full-scope Medi-Cal to low-income undocumented children under the age of 19. SB 10 continues your legacy of immigrant integration, and strengthens our state by ensuring that every Californian has the ability to access a health plan in Covered California.

Federal policies exclude undocumented immigrants and DACA recipients from purchasing health insurance through Covered California, due to their immigration status.[[1]](#footnote-1) Many of these immigrants are part of mixed-status families whose members are eligible for financial assistance. However, under SB 10 undocumented and DACA approved individuals would not receive tax credits or subsidies. By allowing everyone to access Covered California, regardless of immigration status, families can view and compare health insurance options for all family members.

SB 10 will make California a model for this nation by removing an unjust exclusion to Covered California based on immigration status; an important step toward fulfilling the promise of the Affordable Care Act.

For these reasons, we ask for your signature on SB 10.

Sincerely,

NAME

WORK TITLE

Cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara

1. In 2010 Congress passed the Affordable Care Act that excluded undocumented immigrants from participation in state Exchanges and the Medicaid expansion. Existing rules excluded the undocumented from Medi-Cal were maintained. In August of 2012, President Obama’s administration established regulations preventing those approved for Deferred Action from access to exchanges under the Affordable Care Act. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)