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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via Fax: (916) 558-3177

RE: Request for Signature SB 4 (Lara) – Health Care Coverage

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing on behalf of [insert name of your organization] to express my strong support for Senate Bill 4 by Senator Ricardo Lara and to urge you to sign this important bill into law.

Through the recently enacted state budget, California expanded Medi-Cal eligibility to all children, regardless of immigration status. An estimated 170,000 undocumented kids will now be eligible for health care coverage under Medi-Cal, beginning in May, 2016.

SB 4 includes important reforms to ensure successful implementation of the Health for All Kids program:

- Clarifies that kids currently enrolled in restricted scope emergency Medi-Cal will not be required to submit a new application when they transition to full-scope coverage.
- Ensures that kids currently enrolled in restricted scope emergency Medi-Cal will be transferred to full scope services immediately, as soon the program is operational.
- Ensures that kids with serious medical conditions that require specialist care who are being newly enrolled in the program will be properly evaluated and referred.

[Insert any relevant background about your organization here]

[Add a few optional sentences about why this bill is important to your organization and the people it serves]

Expanding access to health care coverage benefits all Californians. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,