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April 1, 2016

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Mitchell:

We are writing to let you know that Los Angeles County is pleased to co-sponsor SB 1335 with the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County and the California Primary Care Association. This measure would authorize Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to elect to have Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis.

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We look forward to working with you and our co-sponsors of SB 1335 on this important legislation which will improve health outcomes and the quality of life for many people in Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,



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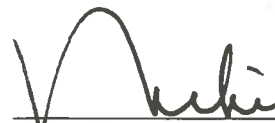
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2003
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Autumn Burke
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Burke:

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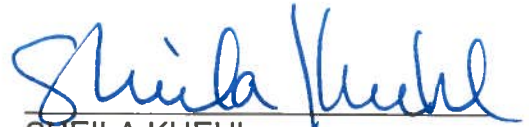
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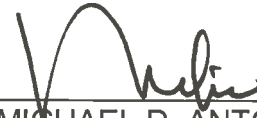
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2148
Sacramento, CA 95814

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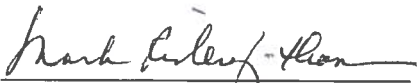
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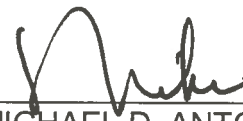
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The Honorable Ling-Ling Chang
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3149
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Chang:

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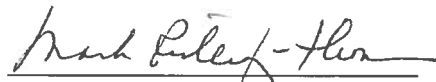
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The Honorable Ed Chau
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 95814

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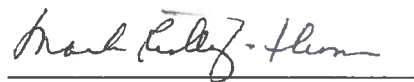
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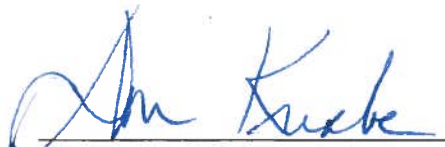
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The Honorable Matthew Dababneh
California State Assembly
State Capital, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

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California State Assembly
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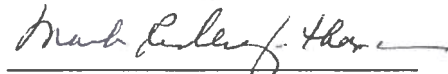
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California State Assembly
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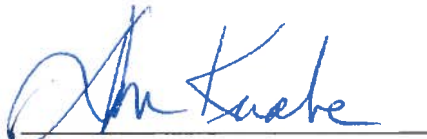
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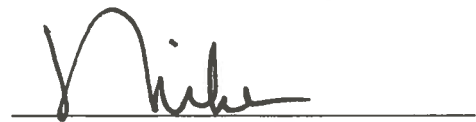
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The Honorable Mike Gipson
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4164
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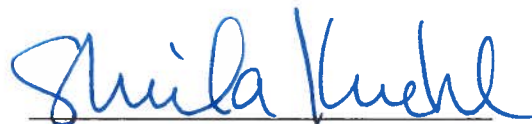
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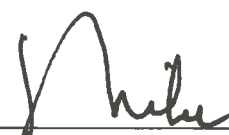
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

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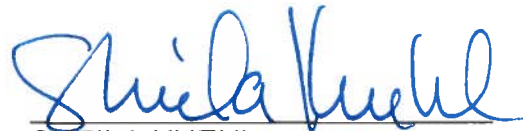
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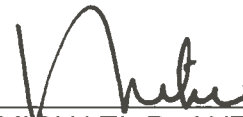
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4102
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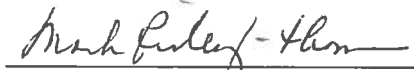
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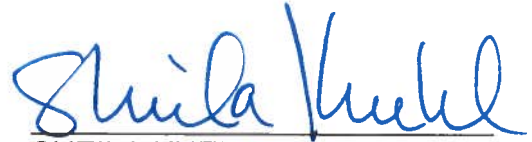
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The Honorable Roger Hernández
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5016
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Dear Assembly Member Hernández:

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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
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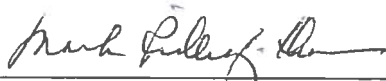
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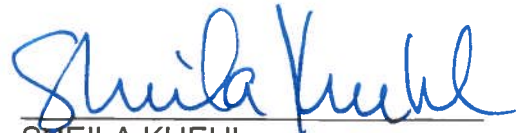
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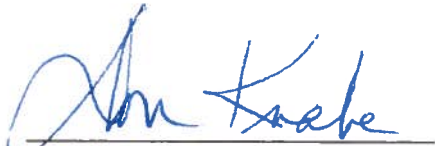
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6011
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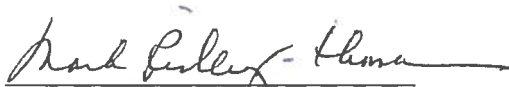
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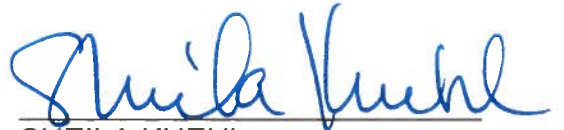
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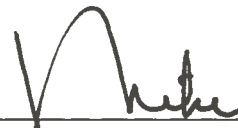
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The Honorable Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

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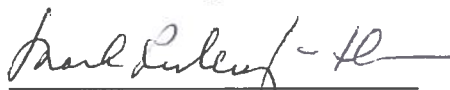
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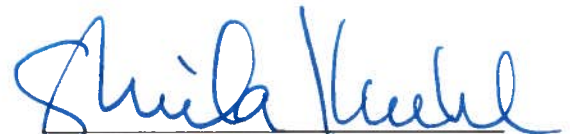
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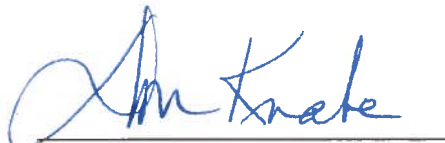
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The Honorable Tom Lackey
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4009
Sacramento, CA 95814

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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5160
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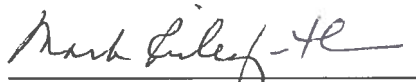
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The Honorable Adrin Nazarian
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4146
Sacramento, CA 95814

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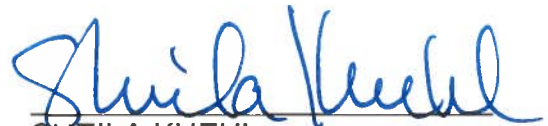
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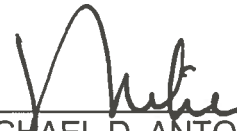
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The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4166
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker Elect of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

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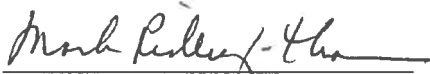
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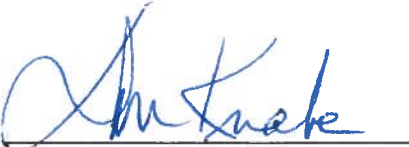
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2176
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas:

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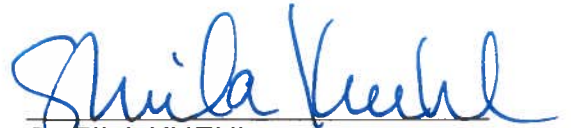
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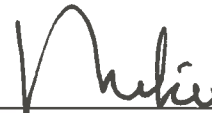
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The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6025
Sacramento, CA 95814

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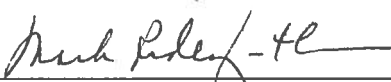
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The Honorable Miguel Santiago
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5119
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4158
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The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2054
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Dear Senator Allen:

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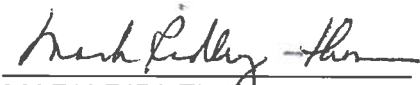

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State Capitol, Room 205
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The Honorable Isadore Hall, III
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Hall, III:

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The Honorable Ed Hernandez
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

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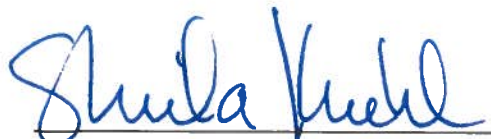
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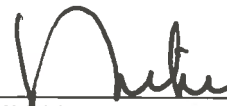
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California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4038
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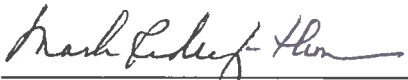
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The Honorable Bob Huff
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4090
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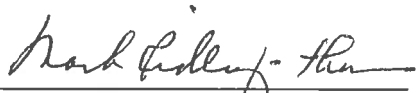
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The Honorable Ricardo Lara
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

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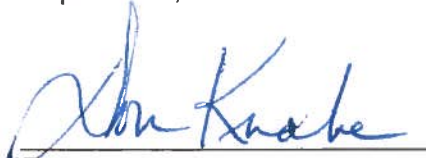
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The Honorable Connie M. Leyva
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4061
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The Honorable Carol Liu
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5097
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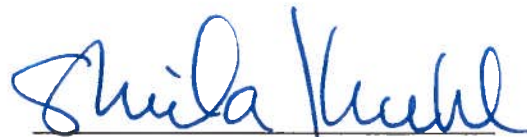
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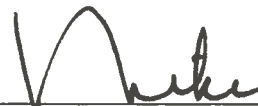
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California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5061
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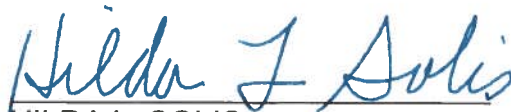
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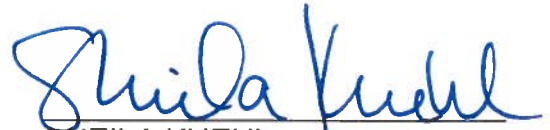
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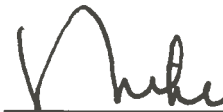
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California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3056
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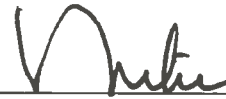
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The Honorable Janet Nguyen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3048
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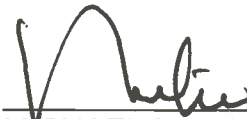
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California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

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April 1, 2016

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California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3063
Sacramento, CA 95814

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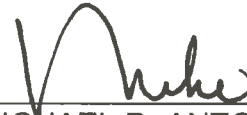
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