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The Honorable Jim Wood

Chair, Assembly Health Committee

State Capitol, Room 6005

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2965 (Arambula) - Health4All Adults: Full-Scope Medi-Cal for Low-Income Undocumented Adults – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Wood:

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ORGANIZATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is pleased to support AB 2965 (Arambula), which would provide comprehensive full-scope Medi-Cal to income-eligible undocumented adults by removing immigration status as an eligibility exclusion. Removing this unjust exclusion takes our state one step closer to universal health coverage and ensures that no Californian is barred from access to health care because of their immigration status. California is stronger when everyone has access to health care.

[ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION, WHY YOU SUPPORT AB 2965]

Today, California provides near-universal coverage for children, thanks in large part to the Health4All Kids program enacted in the 2015-16 state budget. In 2015, California removed immigration status as an eligibility barrier for Californian children to access full-scope Medi-Cal. The success of Health4All Kids has ensured that over 200,000 children have enrolled in life-saving, comprehensive health coverage.[[1]](#footnote-1) However their parents and other undocumented Californians continue to lack access to health care. This reality has tremendous health and economic impacts on families and our state where 1 in 6 of all California children have at least one undocumented parent.

Undocumented Californians are deeply rooted in our state and provide significant economic, familial, and cultural contributions to our communities. Despite their vital place in California’s social and economic fabric, undocumented and uninsured Californians are denied lifesaving care because of where they were born. Of the nearly 3 million Californians who remain uninsured, 58% are undocumented adults.[[2]](#footnote-2)

We can continue the success of California’s efforts on universal coverage by becoming the first state in the nation to remove immigration status as a barrier to full-scope Medi-Cal for all income eligible undocumented adults. Efforts to achieve universal health coverage in California must include immigrant communities who shape our state and who call California home.

We invest in the health of our state when we invest in health coverage for low-income undocumented adults. For these reasons the \_\_\_\_ORGANIZATION\_\_\_\_\_ urges you to support AB 2965 (Arambula) to remove the immigration status eligibility exclusion to full-scope Medi-Cal for undocumented Californians.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Joaquin Arambula

Members of the Assembly Health Committee

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