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**Sample Request for Signature – SB 133 (Hernandez)
DUE: Thursday, September 21 at 5PM**

Submit to: leg.unit@gov.ca.gov and mvaldez@health-access.org

(Insert Date)

Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 133 (Hernandez) – Request for Signature**

Protecting Consumers When Coverage Changes Through No Fault of Their Own

Dear Governor Brown

(Name of organization) supports SB 133 (Hernandez) and respectfully requests your signature on this bill, which would extend existing continuity of care protections that are already available to people with group coverage to people with individual coverage and notify consumers of their rights to continuity of care. The bill will ensure people with acute, serious, and terminal conditions, as well as children under three years old, pregnant women, and people with already scheduled surgeries and procedures will not face disruptions in care and instead, will have time to transition their care if needed.

Earlier this month, Anthem Blue Cross announced it is exiting 16 of 19 of the state’s individual market regions, while Cigna plans to exit the entire market. More than 300,000 Anthem and Cigna consumers must switch plans through no fault of their own. Those who are in the middle of treatment for a serious health condition may will face serious disruptions in care because their doctors may not be in their new health plan’s network.

California’s continuity of care laws allow patients with group coverage up to 12 months to complete their care or to transition to different providers when their coverage has changed. Unfortunately, these protections do not apply to those who buy their own coverage in the individual market. Californians who buy individual coverage deserve the same consumer protections as those who have group coverage through their jobs.

For these reasons, (Name of Organization) supports SB 133 (Hernandez) and respectfully requests your signature on this important bill.

Sincerely,

Name and Title