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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown  
Governor of California  
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Via Email: leg.unit@gov.ca.gov

**Re: SB 18 (Leno/Hernandez) –Support**

Dear Governor Brown,

**[Organization]** is proud to support and urges your signature on SB 18 (Leno/Hernandez) which would require the Department of Health Care Services to accept \$6 million of foundation money to support Medi-Cal renewal assistance activities – funds which would be matched with federal funds – bringing the total to \$12 million.

It is important to have community-based organizations with staff trained to assist beneficiaries in renewing their Medi-Cal. Medi-Cal beneficiaries must renew their Medi-Cal coverage every year or they will lose their coverage. **[Please add any concerns you have heard consumers express and/or include a consumer story – without identifying information.]**

Renewal assistance will be especially important right now as the existing Medi-Cal families move from welfare-based rules for counting income and determining what constitutes a household to the tax-based Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) rules. The renewal forms are different in 2014 than they were in 2013 and there will be yet a third version in 2015. There are also different requirements for MAGI and non-MAGI populations. Moreover, families where the children are enrolled in Medi-Cal and the parents are in Covered California will have different forms for the two programs.

Lastly and importantly, SB 18 is particularly critical in the context of the ongoing Medi-Cal backlog. County workers are still going through laborious processes and system issues to process the hundreds of thousands of Californians pending for Medi-Cal who do not yet have coverage. If there is support for community groups to help consumers in filling out Medi-Cal renewal forms and answering questions about the process this free up time for the counties to work on the backlog of Medi-Cal applications as well as processing correctly submitted renewals.

For these reasons, **[organization]** urges your signature on SB 18.

Sincerely,

**[Name  
Title]**