



September 25, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of the State of California
California State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ? AB 2477 (Rubio) Student support services: Dream Resource Liaisons
AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Governor Brown,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, respectfully requests your signature on AB 2477 (Rubio), which would require California public high schools as well as California State Universities (CSUs) and California Community Colleges (CCCs) to have a designated “Dreamer Resource Liaison” staffer on campus to provide undocumented and California Dream Act (SB 540) students with the support and resources needed to navigate the education system.

Undocumented students face unique barriers in education, including uncertainty regarding policies that affect them at both the state and federal levels. It is important that California public colleges and universities ensure that these students are provided with available resources to be successful in their education.

A recent study indicates that many of these students have concerns and frustrations regarding the lack of knowledge their college faculty, staff, and administrators have about relevant policies and services. Further, many report having encountered unfair treatment due to their legal status from fellow students, financial aid officials, and administrators. For the majority of these students, a positive campus climate towards undocumented students plays a crucial role in their educational success (The UndocuScholars Project).

AB 2477 (Rubio) would create a Dreamer Resource Liaison staffer on post-secondary institution campuses in California in order to establish a positive campus climate for DACA and SB 540 students to support their success.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 across the state respectfully urge your signature on AB 2477 (Rubio). Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne