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The Honorable Ed Hernandez, O.D.  
Chair, Senate Health Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2191  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 4 (Lara) SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hernandez,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California, representing 5,000 board-certified pediatricians statewide, strongly supports SB 4 (Lara) the “Health For All Act” to expand access to healthcare coverage to all Californians, regardless of immigration status. SB 4 would remove barriers to the health insurance market by directing the state to seek permission from the federal government to allow undocumented Californians to purchase their own health coverage through the Covered California Health Insurance Exchange. SB 4 would also expand Medi-Cal to include individuals who would qualify for enrollment in the program based on their income, but who are denied based on their immigration status.

Current policy specifically excludes undocumented immigrants from insurance coverage provided through Medi-Cal, and even prohibits individuals from purchasing their own insurance through the health care exchange.. Yet the evidence is clear that the health of a parent has a ripple effect onto the health of his or her children. Pediatricians support health coverage for all, as it is an important factor in protecting and promoting the health of California’s children.

Pediatricians urge your AYE vote on SB 4.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

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