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July 23, 2020

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2187  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 660 (Levine) Personal Information: Contact Tracing.**  
**AAP-CA Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Jackson,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing the over 5,000 pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly support AB 660 as amended in the Assembly on July 14, 2020, which would prohibit law enforcement officials from engaging in contact tracing and prohibit data collected for contact tracing purposes to be shared outside of a public health entity.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus. According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), as of June 20, 2020, there have been more than 5,000 deaths and more than 170,000 total cases resulting from COVID-19. One of the strategies being deployed to limit the transmission of COVID-19, is the use of contact tracing, which identifies COVID-19 positive individuals and those they may have been in close contact with, who are advised to self-quarantine – limiting the spread of the virus.

California is home to over 11 million immigrants, including an estimated 2 million undocumented immigrants. These individuals have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 leaving the children of these communities without support systems. In addition, this population is less likely to seek medical aid because of their immigration status. According to the CDC, hispanic or Latinos are four times as likely to be hospitalized than non-Hispanic white persons as a result of COVID-19. Immigrant communities and communities of color are also less likely to willingly interact with law enforcement officials, regardless of context. Successfully limiting the spread of the coronavirus will require all COVID-19 positive Californians to participate in contact tracing programs, including undocumented individuals.

Pediatricians across the state strongly support AB 660 (Levine) and urge you to vote AYE. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris E. Calvin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kris Calvin, CEO  
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Cc: AAP Leadership