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

**Re: SB 36 (Hernandez) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

The University of California (UC) requests your signature on SB 36 (Hernandez), a bill that permits the Director of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to continue discussions with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a renewal of the “California Bridge to Reform Demonstration” Medicaid Waiver (Waiver). SB 36 would allow DHCS to seek continuations of the current waiver, as specified, pay hospitals pursuant to payment methodologies and make interim payments to public hospitals until the Waiver renewal is resolved.

The current Waiver is due to expire on October 31, 2015. Although the DHCS, CMS, public hospitals and stakeholders have discussed the Waiver renewal, these discussions are still underway. This bill will allow DHCS and the CMS to extend the Waiver deadline while continuing the current waiver.

The current “Bridge to Reform Waiver” has been critical to the state’s early success with expanding coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The UC five academic medical centers are designated public hospitals that serve as a vital part of the state’s safety net providing access to high quality health care for vulnerable populations.

Your signature on this important measure will allow the DHCS to continue payments to public hospitals until the new waiver negotiations have been resolved. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-9924, if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Juarez".

Steve Juarez

Associate Vice President and Director

cc: Senator Ed Hernandez  
President Janet Napolitano  
Senior Vice President Nelson Peacock