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

**Re: AB 187 (Bonta) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

The University of California (UC) requests your signature on AB 187 (Bonta), which proposes to extend the termination of the prohibition against Medi-Cal's California Children's Services (CCS) covered services being incorporated into a Medi-Cal managed care contract until January 1, 2017.

The CCS Program is the only remaining Fee-for-Service (CCS-FFS) health program left in the State of California because in 1993 the legislature recognized the need to protect the program from the shift to Medi-Cal managed care until an alternative delivery structure could be developed. The CCS carve-out is scheduled to expire at the end of 2015. This bill proposes to continue the CCS-FFS carve out from entering into a Medi-Cal managed care contract until January 1, 2017.

CCS patients are fragile and vulnerable – they should be cared for by pediatric providers who work together for the good of the patient and family. The current CCS carve-out should be maintained until the state can ensure that a viable alternative delivery system can be implemented. The alternate system to CCS-FFS must retain standards to ensure pediatric expertise, preserves access to high quality providers, and ensures that families are involved in decisions around the medical care provided to their children.

The State Department of Healthcare Services has a stakeholder workgroup comprised of providers, hospitals, and families to determine an alternate approach to the CCS-FFS system of care. AB 187 will allow the state and stakeholders the opportunity to continue to meet to develop an alternative approach to CCS-FFS which is a thoughtful, provider-driven, patient-centered approach.

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Your signature on SB 187 will give CCS providers the ability to create a delivery system tailored to the needs of children with complex medical needs. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-9924 if you have any questions, or need assistance from the University on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Juarez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "J".

Steve Juarez  
Associate Vice President and Director

cc: Assembly Member Rob Bonta  
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