





September 12, 2023

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo California State Senate 1021 O Street, Suite 7530 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 525 (Durazo) Minimum wages. health care workers.

REMOVAL OF OPPOSITION - As Amended September 11, 2023

Dear Senator Durazo:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the Urban Counties of California (UCC), we write to communicate the removal of our opposition to your Senate Bill 525.

The bill has been amended to address a number of our concerns and we greatly appreciate the willingness of you, your staff, and sponsoring entities to engage in a helpful, productive dialogue to ensure that counties have realistic timelines to implement wage increases for healthcare employees that recognize the unique financial challenges for California counties.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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