

September 5, 2023

The Honorable Corey Jackson Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee 1020 N Street, Room 124 Sacramento, CA 95814

## RE: AB 426 (JACKSON) AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 – REMOVAL OF OPPOSITION

Dear Chair Jackson:

With the amendments to AB 426 (Jackson) taken in the Senate Appropriations committee on September 1, 2023, we are now in a position to Remove Opposition to your bill. Our coalition appreciates you taking amendments to address our concerns.

Complex needs foster youth are a small percentage of those children in foster care but they require dedicated, ongoing case management, treatment, services, and funding to help them heal from their trauma. We greatly appreciate your interest and leadership on this issue and look forward to continue to work with in the months and years ahead to care for California's most vulnerable population.

Sincerely,

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