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Dear Commissioner Lara:

I am concerned about health insurance. California hospitals and doctors are among the world's best but access remains a problem. The arbitrary distinction between those with and without federal documents is a particularly toxic form of bigotry as the horrors of child separation, indefinite administrative detention and arbitrary ICE raids have recently brought home. Denial of health care is not only shockingly inhumane but also makes public health initiatives like fighting COVID harder and forces friends and relatives to try to step in where professionals do not.

Please assure me that you will back the move to make Medi-Cal blind to immigration status.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our diversity.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson