



GAVIN NEWSOM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

April 10, 2017

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94708

RE: Your support for SB 562

Dear Mr. Babson,

Thank you for your letter regarding Senate Bill (SB) 562 (Lara), the Healthy California Act.

Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom has long been a supporter of the universal and single payer healthcare concept. He was an early proponent of the Affordable Care Act and envisions a healthcare model for California that includes a single-payer system.

During his time as Mayor, Healthy San Francisco was signed into law. Healthy San Francisco is the city's universal health care program that covers everyone regardless of immigration status or ability to pay. The program covers undocumented San Francisco residents and people who do not qualify for Medi-Cal. It also provides financial assistance for those who qualify for subsidies through Covered California, but still cannot afford to purchase healthcare on their own. The program has been in effect for nearly a decade and he certainly hopes that the success of Healthy San Francisco can someday be used as an example for a statewide program. The Lt. Governor continues to work tirelessly to ensure that all Californians are afforded access to safe, equitable and reliable healthcare.

I hope this information is useful. Thank you for again for your correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Natalie".

Natalie
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Office of Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom