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Sample Support Letter – SB 1135 (Monning)

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

**Re: SB 1135 (Monning) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

<YOUR ORGANIZATION> supports SB 1135 (Monning) and respectfully requests your signature.

SB 1135 would inform consumers of their right to timely access to care, in the language they speak. Under existing California law, health plans are required to provide patients with medical appointments within specific timeframes and arrange for interpreters and translated written materials when requested by the patient. However, very few people know these consumer protections exist.

SB 1135 requires health plans and insurers to notify consumers and health care providers about patients’ right to timely care and language assistance through existing documents and communications channels. Consumers receive this information when they sign up for and renew their coverage, in the Evidence of Coverage, provider directory, in newsletters and outreach materials, and on the plan’s internet website.

This bill will provide consumers with information about their existing rights so they can get the care they need, when they need it, in a language they can understand. For these reasons, we support SB 1135 and respectfully request you to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

<YOUR NAME>

CC: Senator Bill Monning, Author

 Tam Ma, Health Access California, Sponsor