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To: The Honorable Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer and Mark Stone, Co-Chairs and Members of the Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General

RE: Appointment of Congressman Xavier Becerra as California Attorney General – AFSCME 3299 Support

The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 3299 strongly supports the appointment of Congressman Xavier Becerra as California Attorney General.

For more than thirty years, Rep. Xavier Becerra has served the people of California. The son of working class parents, and the first in his family to graduate college with a four-year degree, the congressman began his legal career advocating on behalf of individuals with mental illness. He then worked as a deputy attorney general before being elected as a member of the State Assembly. His service to Californians continued in Congress, most recently as the first Latino member of the Committee on Ways and Means, ranking member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security and chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.

While in Congress, Rep. Xavier Becerra was an advocate for working families—fighting in support of labor issues, funding for public services, immigration reform and civil rights. Now more than ever, our state needs an Attorney General who will defend the rights and protections of working families passed by the Legislature and signed into law by our Governor. California has been at the forefront when it comes to passing progressive legislation for the environment, our workforce, our immigrants and our civil rights. We require a resolute defender who understands the intersection of state and federal policy and appreciates the diversity of interests championed by our beautiful state.

The State of California will be very well-served by Rep. Xavier Becerra's continued work on behalf of all the citizens of California. For all of these reasons, AFSCME 3299 commends Governor Brown for an excellent nomination and respectfully urges the Legislature to confirm his appointment as Attorney General for the State of California.

Sincerely,



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