January 5, 2017

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chair, Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
Capitol Office, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of Private Essential Access Community Hospitals (PEACH), I am writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of Xavier Becerra for Attorney General of California.

Mr. Becerra has demonstrated distinguished leadership in serving California on the federal level as a Congress Member in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1992; as a member of the Ways and Means Committee and ranking member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security; and as the chair of the House Democratic Caucus.

Additionally, his experience as a former Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice and service in the California State Assembly as the representative for the 59th Assembly District in Los Angeles County make him exceptionally qualified for this position.

As the association that represents the state's community safety net hospitals that provide an average of 87 percent of their care to low-income and uninsured Californians, PEACH and our safety net hospitals have successfully worked with Mr. Becerra over the last two decades on a myriad of health care issues of great importance to all Californians and believe him to be eminently qualified to protect and serve the people and interests of California.

Additionally, California law requires the Attorney General's review and consent for any sale or transfer of a health care facility owned or operated by a nonprofit corporation whose assets are held in public trust. We believe Mr. Becerra's depth of legal experience and health care knowledge make him well-qualified for this challenging role, which can directly affect levels of charity care provided, availability of emergency and other essential services, and access to health care in communities throughout the state.

For these reasons, we respectfully and enthusiastically request your confirmation of Mr. Becerra for Attorney General of California.

Sincerely,

Catherine K. Douglas

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President and CEO

cc: The Honorable Mark Stone
The Honorable David Chiu
The Honorable Jordan Cunningham
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