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Honorable Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
Co-Chair, Special Committee on the Office
of the Attorney General
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Mark Stone
Co-Chair, Special Committee on the Office
of the Attorney General
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Co-Chairs Jones-Sawyer and Stone:

I write in strong support of Representative Xavier Becerra's nomination as California's next Attorney General.

As former Attorney General of our great state, I know firsthand the demands and complexity of the job. I have met and talked with Representative Becerra numerous times over the last two months about the challenges and opportunities I see confronting the next Attorney General. And I firmly believe that Representative Becerra has the experience, skills, and values to serve the people of California well and honorably as our state's chief law, and law enforcement, officer.

Among the core responsibilities of California's Attorney General is to ensure justice, safety, equality, and liberty for all of our state's residents. Representative Becerra is committed to vigorously enforcing existing state laws to fulfill this responsibility, to relentlessly defend the civil rights of all our residents, and serving as a strong bulwark against potential federal efforts to undermine these essential guarantees for Californians.

As a former California Deputy Attorney General and member of the California Assembly with 24 years of experience in the United States Congress, Representative Becerra is particularly well-positioned to lead the Department of Justice's legal efforts on behalf of the State of California over the next two years.

I am also confident that Representative Becerra will fulfill with excellence other core Attorney General responsibilities. He is committed to continuing to provide the highest level of representation to his clients, including our state's constitutional officers, agencies, and departments. In addition, he will build on the tremendous work we have done to strengthen public safety and continuously improve the relationship of trust between state and local law enforcement and the communities they serve. And Representative Becerra also promises to be a steward of California's environment, coast, and its natural resources.

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Throughout his career in public service, Representative Becerra has consistently demonstrated his personal commitment to justice, equality, and the interests of all Californians. I urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kamala D. Harris", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator