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The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer
Co-Chair, Assembly Special Committee- CA Attorney General Appointment
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Stone
Co-Chair, Assembly Special Committee- CA Attorney General Appointment
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: STRONG SUPPORT - Congressman Xavier Becerra
Appointment as Attorney General, State of California**

Dear Assembly Members Jones-Sawyer and Stone:

I write to express my strong support for Governor Brown's nomination to appoint Congressman (Rep.) Xavier Becerra as California's next Attorney General in order to fill the vacancy created by the successful election of Attorney General Harris to the U.S. Senate.

We are reminded every day of the important role and responsibility the Attorney General will have as the incoming presidential administration fills cabinet level positions. The Office of the Attorney General is a critical component of the line of defense for issues that involve wages, worker health and safety, fair pay and working conditions, immigration, climate change, free speech and the fundamental right to organize, to name a few. In fact, the California Attorney General's office has played a critical role in the defense of worker's legislation that has been passed by the California Legislature and signed by the Governor only to face legal challenges by anti-worker associations and conservative think tanks who seek to legislate and undo workers through litigation.

At that time our only line of defense is the Attorney General's office. California needs an Attorney General whose career demonstrates an understanding and commitment to the many issues affecting working families and knowledge of the inner workings of Washington DC. We believe that person is none other than Rep. Xavier Becerra.

He has honorably served California and the nation for over thirty years and began his legal career as a Deputy Attorney General providing legal services to one of California's most vulnerable and underserved populations, the mentally ill. Rep. Becerra grew up in a working class neighborhood and was the first in his family to graduate from college. He went on to serve in the California State Assembly before being elected to Congress and has remained a steadfast

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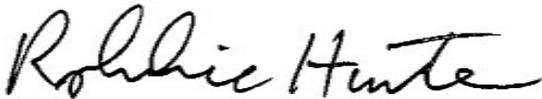
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champion for creating opportunities for working families, fighting poverty, improving the Social Security program, and for comprehensive immigration reform.

Rep. Becerra has had many accomplishments during his service to the people which proves that he unquestionably possesses the necessary qualifications, experience, knowledge, skills and abilities required of the Attorney General during this most complex time in our nation. I am honored to call Rep. Becerra a friend of working families and ask for your consideration in confirming his appointment as the next California Attorney General; his leadership and commitment are exactly what we need as we continue to address the issues confronting our state and the nation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robbie Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ROBBIE HUNTER

President

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cc: Members, Assembly Special Committee- CA Attorney General Appointment