Dear Members of the United States Senate,

We write to you in strong support of confirming Xavier Becerra as the next U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. As organizations that work with, for, and on behalf of immigrants, we believe that our country is in dire need of leaders who understand the connections between a person’s life experiences and their health and well-being. There is no question that Attorney General Becerra will bring that quality to the Department of Health and Human Services and as a member of the Cabinet.

Attorney General Becerra brings a compelling life story, with a voice and experience representing communities who, until now, have seen little of themselves in our government’s leadership. As the first Latino and the first child of an immigrant to be the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Attorney General Becerra will play an inspiring role. Representation matters, especially for millions of immigrants who have been chilled from accessing health care over the past four years.

His years of leadership and vast expertise position him to be a critical leader in our nation at a time that our collective health and well-being depends on all of us being healthy. When the Trump administration issued its public charge rule, which has led to hundreds of thousands of children and families deterred from seeking health care, Attorney General Becerra challenged the regulation, understanding it was, “weaponizing essential healthcare, housing, and nutrition programs.” He also defended the DACA program, fighting on behalf of immigrant youth. His success in leading our country’s largest state attorney general’s office in defending the rights of immigrants demonstrates his ability to lead this critical agency.

In Congress, Attorney General Becerra was a clear leader, chairing the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and leading the way on raising health disparities on the Ways and Means Committee. At the same time, he also convened a bipartisan group to push forward immigration reform, working seriously with colleagues across the aisle to find common ground on critical issues. Throughout his career Attorney General Becerra has led on key issues for many immigrants, including housing access, disability discrimination, environmental justice, and the rights of LGBT communities.

We urge you to vote yes on the nomination of Xavier Becerra as the Secretary of Health and Human Services that our country needs at this pivotal moment. By doing so, you will be elevating this key public servant and immigrant rights champion to a post where he will ensure that we have healthier communities for all people living in the United States.

Sincerely,

National Immigrant Law Center
Alianza Sacramento (CA)
All* Above All Action Fund
Alliance for Action (AZ)
Alliance4Action Immigration Action Group
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers
American Muslim Health Professionals
America's Voice
APLA Health (CA)
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership (APPEAL)
Asian Resources, Inc (CA)
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
Association of Mexicans in North Carolina, Inc. (AMEXCAN) (NC)
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
AsylumConnect
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Bend the Arc Jewish Action
Benedictine Sisters of FL (FL)
California Association of Food Banks (CA)
California Immigrant Policy Center (CA)
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CA)
California Primary Care Association (CA)
Campaign for Immigrant Detention Reform (CIDR) (CA)
CASA
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Popular Democracy Action
Central American Resource Center of Northern CA - CARECEN SF (CA)
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. (CDM)
Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvad (OH)
Church Women United in New York State (NY)
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) (CA)
Coalition on Human Needs
Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy and Research Organization (CO)
Community Catalyst
Corazón Latino
County Welfare Directors Association of California (CA)
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
Education and Leadership Foundation (CA)
End Streamline Coalition (AZ)
Equality California (CA)
Families USA
Farmworker Justice
HAITIAN AMERICANS UNITED INC (MA)
Health Center Partners of Southern California (CA)
Hispanic Federation
Hispanic Health Network
Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (AL)
Hispanic Liaison / El Vínculo Hispano (NC)
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ME)
Immigration Hub
Impetus - Let's Get Started LLC (MN)
Indivisible
Justice in Aging
Kids Forward (WI)
Lana’i Community Health Center (HI)
Latino Commission on AIDS
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank (CA)
Make the Road New York (NY)
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MA)
MinKwon Center for Community Action (NY)
MomsRising/MamásConPoder
National Korean American Services and Education Consortium - Virginia (NAKASEC) (VA)
NAPAFASA
NASTAD
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Consumers League
National Council of Jewish Women
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
National Health Law Program
National Minority Quality Forum
National Partnership for New Americans
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Women's Health Network
National Working Positive Coalition
New York Immigration Coalition (NY)
People For the American Way
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Poder Latinx
Refugee Support Network (TX)
San Francisco AIDS Foundation (CA)
SEIU
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
SIC - Sacramento Immigration Coalition (CA)
Silver State Equality-Nevada (NV)
Sisters of Saint Francis, Rochester, Minnesota
Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque (IA)
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
St John of God Sanctuary Committee (CA)
St. Paul's Lutheran Church (MN)
STEP UP! Sacramento (CA)
Tennessee Justice Center (TN)
The Children's Partnership (CA)
The Coelho Center for Disability Law, Policy and Innovation
The Jus Semper Global Alliance
True Alliance Center Inc (MA)
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
UnidosUS
United We Dream
Voice for Refuge Action Fund
Wallingford Indivisible (WA)
Wayne Action for Racial Equality (NY)
Wayne Action for Racial Equality (NY)
Western KY Refugee Mutual Assistance Society Inc. dba International Center of KY (KY)
Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER)
Young Invincibles
YWCA USA