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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1341 (Mitchell) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

The County of San Bernardino supports SB 1341 and respectfully requests your signature. SB 1341 would require the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) to be the system of record for Medi-Cal and to contain all Medi-Cal eligibility rules and case management functionality. SAWS is used to administer multiple social services programs and ensure that all entities are in compliance with the Medi-Cal statutory due process requirements.

This legislation codifies previous agreements authorizing California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS) to act as the engine that applies the new rules necessary for an eligibility determination, under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) rules. The bill would also require that CalHEERS make the business rules available to the SAWS consortia in order to determine Medi-Cal eligibility.

SB 1341 also enables counties to create, edit, and send Medi-Cal Notices of Action (NOA). This functionality is imperative to providing clients with informative and complete notices—avoiding confusion, proactively addressing potential questions and informing clients of their rights.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports SB 1341 and urges you to sign the measure into law. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov).

Sincerely,

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Board of Supervisors Chair  
Second District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

c: The Honorable Holly Mitchell, California State Senate