



September 5, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
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**Re: SB 81 (Arreguín) – Healthcare Provider Entities: Information Sharing – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the undersigned 50 immigrant justice, health, labor union, and civil rights organizations, we write in strong support of SB 81 authored by Senator Jesse Arreguín. SB 81 seeks to safeguard access to health care facilities for all Californians by protecting people's immigration status and place of birth information from being disclosed and prohibiting health care providers from granting access to nonpublic areas of health care facilities for immigration enforcement purposes.

California is the state with the largest immigrant population in the nation , where 1 in 4 Californians are immigrants, 1 in nearly 2 California children live in an immigrant family, and nearly half of California workers are immigrants or children of immigrants. **The federal administration's mass immigration raids across Southern California at work sites and neighborhoods have stoked fear across California.** This deters people from accessing the health care and essential services they need due to the possibility of arrest, surveillance and family separation by federal agents conducting indiscriminate raids.

In 2017, California passed SB 54, California Values Act, also known as the state sanctuary law, which curtails state and local law enforcement agencies from assisting with immigration enforcement. The California Values Act also mandated the California Attorney General to issue model policies and recommendations to guide public institutions in limiting state and

local resources to assist in immigration enforcement. Model policies were issued for public schools, colleges, health care facilities, courthouses, libraries and shelters, and included components such as requiring a valid warrant from ICE agents before they enter or attempt to interrogate or arrest anyone. These model policies protect the rights of immigrants and their families to safely access public institutions and services without fear of arrest and family separation by immigration agents.

On January 20, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) rescinded the [Sensitive Locations Memo](#) which limited immigration enforcement actions at locations such as schools, places of worship and hospitals. With the federal administration enacting mass raids and deportations, immigrants and their families in California are in fear of being arrested as they go about their everyday lives at school, work and in their communities as they access vital care and services.

Since June 6, **more than [4,163 Californians](#) have been arrested** by masked, armed federal agents in mass immigration raids across Southern California on public streets, at work sites and in sensitive locations like health care facilities, schools and churches. Masked, federal agents have arrested individuals inside the [Riverside Community Hospital](#), the [Ontario Advanced Surgical Center](#) in San Bernardino County, and the [Glendale Memorial Hospital](#) in Los Angeles County. Federal agents have sought access to other health facilities without a valid judicial warrant.

SB 81 protects the privacy and dignity of all Californians, regardless of immigration status, and ensures they can seek care when they need it, free from fear or intimidation. SB 81 would specifically prohibit a health care provider from disclosing people's immigration status and place of birth and prohibit allowing access to nonpublic spaces of health care facilities for immigration enforcement without a valid judicial warrant or court order signed by a judge.

SB 81 seeks to ensure health care facilities are a safe and secure environment that all Californians feel safe accessing. The health of all Californians are threatened when millions

of Californians are in fear of accessing life-saving health care simply because of where they were born.

For these reasons, we are proud to support and request your signature for SB 81. If you have any questions, or would like more information regarding our support, please contact Bruno Huizar with the California Immigrant Policy Center at [bhuizar@caimmigrant.org](mailto:bhuizar@caimmigrant.org).

Sincerely,



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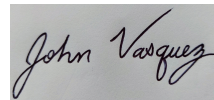


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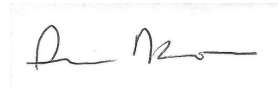
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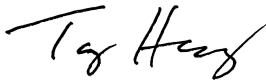
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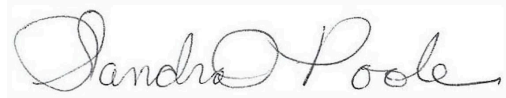
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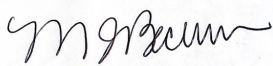
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