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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
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RE: Recommended Veto of SB X1-1 and SB X1-2

Dear Governor Newsom:

We write to respectfully and strongly request your veto of Senate Bill X1-1 (Wiener) and Senate Bill X1-2 (Wiener) which would together allocate \$50 million in taxpayer dollars to provide a slush fund for government lawyers to file potentially frivolous future lawsuits against the federal government.

Californians are facing mounting unaffordability, rampant homelessness, continuing crime concerns, highest in the nation utility rates, highest in the nation gas prices, and the potential of multi-billion dollar state deficits in the coming years. In the wake of the catastrophic wildfires in Los Angeles over the past month, Californians are also facing an increasingly unstable insurance market that promises to become exponentially more expensive in the immediate future, as well as the prospect of a long and costly rebuilding effort in those areas directly affected by the fires.

Now is not the time, if ever there is one, to allocate \$50 million to antagonize a federal government on which our state is exceedingly reliant for emergency response and disaster recovery efforts, nor is it the time to doubly antagonize the current federal administration by providing taxpayer-funded legal services to undocumented immigrants in a thinly veiled effort to further poke the newly seated President of the United States in the area of illegal immigration policy as a part of your production of political theater.

Californians need and deserve a government that puts them first. Their needs, their desires and their will. Respectively, these two pieces of legislation fly directly in the face of those principles. For that reason we, the undersigned, implore you to reconsider these bills in the context of our current situation and veto this legislation immediately.

Sincerely,

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