**Sample Letter- Request for Signature AB 2164 (Rivas)**

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**Subject Line: “AB 2164 – Request for Signature”**

**Please cc Jessica Moran at Jmoran@childrenspartnership.org**

[DATE]

The Honorable Gavin Newsom

Governor, State of California

State Capitol, First Floor

Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 2164 (Rivas) – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The [ORGANIZATION NAME] is proud to support AB 2164 (Rivas), which would improve access to health care services for low-income children and other marginalized populations by ensuring that providers can deliver care using telehealth.

[ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION]

AB 2164 (Rivas) would ensure that community health centers have the ability to use telehealth to provide care to new patients in trusted community settings, such as schools and Head Start sites. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, telehealth has been a critical tool in ensuring communities can access care safely and in a timely manner. During this public health emergency, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has temporarily allowed community health centers to use telehealth to establish patients. AB 2164 (Rivas) ensures community health centers can continue to establish patients using telehealth until 180 days after the state of emergency ends.

[INSERT IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE TO YOUR WORK]

**This bill received bi-partisan support in both houses, and zero no votes.** The legislature has made clear their intent in providing safe and timely access to health care via telehealth. This bill will increase access to vital and cost-effective health care services for thousands of patients in historically marginalized communities across California.

For these reasons, [ORGANIZATION] supports AB 2164 (Rivas). We respectfully ask for your signature.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME, TITLE, & AFFILIATION