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Sample Support Letter – SB 908 (Hernandez)

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The Honorable Ed Hernandez
Senate Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 2191
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 908 (Hernandez)- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hernandez,

<YOUR ORGANIZATION> is writing in support of SB 908 (Hernandez), which would require a health plan to tell individual consumers and small business owners if the premium for their coverage is “unreasonable” or “unjustified” and give the consumer or small business owner the chance to shop for other coverage.

Each year, millions of individual consumers and small business owners shop for coverage or renew the coverage they already have. These purchasers have virtually no way of knowing if the premium for their coverage has been found “unreasonable” or “unjustified” and no chance to shop for other coverage. The individual consumers are then stuck with the unfair rate for an entire year, until the next open enrollment when they can shop again for another plan.

SB 908 would take two simple steps to let the market work: 1) Notify individual consumers and small business owners if regulators have found a rate to be unreasonable or unjustified. 2) Give consumers a special enrollment period to shop for a plan with rates that are reasonable and justified.

Consumers and small business owners deserve to know if their health insurance plan is charging unreasonable or unjustified rates and should have the option to switch plans if they want. SB908 would let the market work.

For these reasons, we support your SB 908.

Sincerely,

<YOUR NAME>

CC: Beth Capell, Health Access California (sponsor)