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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1461 (Gonzalez) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

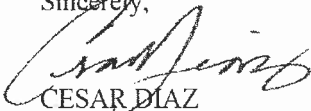
I write on behalf of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, to respectfully request your signature on AB 1461 (Gonzalez), which would automatically register eligible voters and lead to increased voter participation in state and local elections.

All elections are important and impact all aspects of our daily lives. California's direct democracy initiative process is increasingly being utilized to decide various legislative policies, tax changes or to address social issues. However, while there has been a significant increase in legislation via the ballot box, over 6.6 million Californians are eligible but not registered to vote and our state ranks 38th in voter registration nationwide.

AB 1461 would enact the California New Motor Voter Act to make it easier for citizens to participate in the democratic process. The National Voter Registration Act or "Motor Voter" law is over 20 years old and is based on a paper system. Since 1995 only 17% of DMV interactions have resulted in a person registering to vote or changing their address. AB 1461 would capitalize on available technology to make Motor Voter more efficient and successful in order to increase voter participation.

It is for these reasons that we respectfully request your signature on AB 1461. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Legislative Director

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cc: The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, California State Assembly
Ms. Camille Wagner, Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of Governor Brown