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Good afternoon Board members,

My name is Karina Zepeda and I am here on behalf of the Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective, a proud member of the Health4All Coalition.

I want to request that the Covered California Board support and collaborate with Health4All advocates and legislators who are working towards establishing a state-funded "mirror" healthcare marketplace.

I support a covered California Expansion because I believe all Californians regardless of immigration status should have access to health care safety net programs.

I am a DACA recipient, and I am grateful for the Administration's Expansion of Health Care Access to DACA recipients but there is still a huge population of undocumented youth and adults that need to be considered moving forward.

Any effort towards universal coverage, whether in California or nationally, will not be successful until everyone has access to our healthcare safety net programs regardless of status.

As the Youth Program Coordinator, I work with a lot of undocumented youth who would benefit greatly from this "mirror" healthcare marketplace. Please consider our youth and their families and the impact this expansion would have on them.

Please consider my request so that we can build a stronger and healthier California for all.

Thank you for your time.

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In community,

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My name is Milagros Diaz, and I am here on behalf of Inland Empire Immigrant Collective, a proud member of the Health4All Coalition.

I am here today to request that the Covered California Board support and collaborate with Health4All advocates and legislators who are working towards establishing a state-funded "mirror" health care marketplace to address the exclusion of undocumented immigrants from Covered California. Right now, over half a million Californians earn too much to qualify for Medi-Cal and are excluded from Covered California solely due to their immigration status.

I personally support a Cover California Expansion because many undocumented people would have better access to a health insurance plan to obtain a higher quality of life in health, which is essential to continue contributing to the economy of this state.

By ensuring that everyone is able to access the care they need, we build a stronger and healthier California.

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