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California Legislature

April 9, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sharon Hilliard
Director, California Employment Development Department
722 Capitol Mall, Suite 5098
Sacramento, CA 95814

Julie Su
Secretary, California and Workforce Development Agency
800 Capitol Mall, Suite 5000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Nonprofits Unemployment – COVID-19 Virus Pandemic

Dear Governor Newsom, Director Hilliard, and Secretary Su:

On behalf of the legislators listed below, we are writing to support for PRIDE Industries and thousands of nonprofit organizations that serve our communities. **We are requesting a waiver from the State of California’s requirement that nonprofits reimburse the State for unemployment charges when those charges are for COVID-19 related unemployment claims.** PRIDE Industries has served individuals with disabilities for decades. Nonprofit organizations will face financial hardships because of the high number of unemployment caused by COVID-19 virus. Nonprofits serve every legislators’ constituents and helping nonprofits during this crisis is essential.

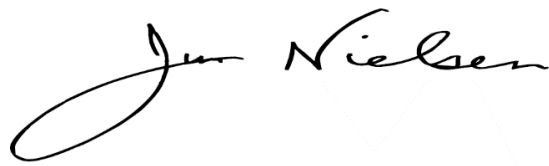
Social service nonprofits serving the disabled, children, elderly, homeless, abuse victims, and the poor are the life blood of essential services to those in greatest need of them. Nonprofits employ direct support personnel who help people in the most personal aspects of their lives, job coaches, day habilitation staff, residential staff, administrative personnel, production staff, and others.

Nonprofits that are required to repay the State for unemployment claims caused by COVID-19 virus will cause huge numbers of these organizations to dissolve. Neither the State of California, businesses or nonprofits predicted that such high unemployment would ever be caused. This will negatively impact the community as a whole, public assistance programs and those in most need of our help. Nonprofits must be provided assistance as local governments and businesses. As California recovers from the

COVID-19 virus epidemic, nonprofits must be ready to provide essential services to these vulnerable communities that many times are underserved.

Nonprofits are essential to serve our communities and will be important to ensure that people with disabilities go back to work once COVID-19 virus is contained. Nonprofits serve a crucial role in ensuring that vulnerable communities are serviced and employed. Nonprofits must exist to work hand in hand with private businesses and government to find employment, provide treatments, counseling and essential services.

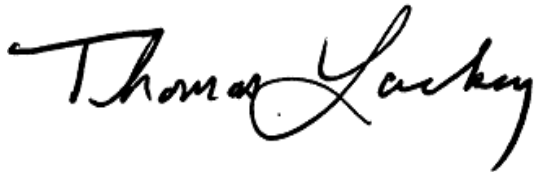
Sincerely,



Senator Jim Nielsen, SD 04



Assemblymember Jose Medina, AD 61



Assemblymember Tom Lackey, AD 36



Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia AD 56



Assemblymember Rudy Salas, AD 32



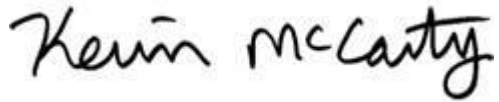
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Senator Brian Dahle, SD 01



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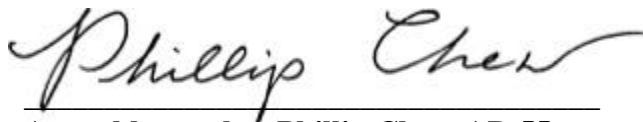
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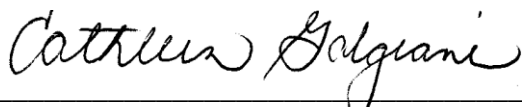
Assemblymember Randy Voepel, AD 71



Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, AD 65



Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan, AD 16



Senator Cathleen Galgiani, SD 05



Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, AD 58



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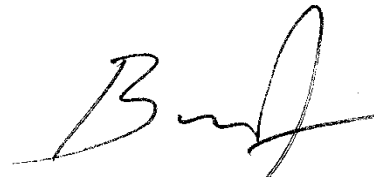
Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, AD 51



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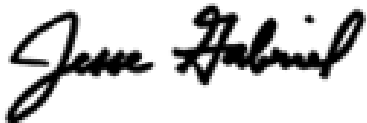
Senator Andreas Borgeas, SD 08



Senator Nancy Skinner, SD 09



Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager, AD 54



Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, AD 45



Senator Susan Rubio, SD 22



Senator Mike Morrell, SD 23

cc: The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee
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