



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 1, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 562 (Portantino)—Health Care Coverage: Pervasive Developmental Disorders or Autism

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to urge your signature on Senate Bill 562.

This bill would expand access to evidence-based treatments for children diagnosed with autism and require health insurance plans to cover these additional treatment models. The legislation expands treatment options for families based on what their healthcare provider determines is most effective for the patient.

The City supports legislation to ensure, sustain, and expand access to private and public health insurance coverage for all residents. SB 562 aims to increase coverage for autism treatments to advance the wellbeing and health of thousands of children in California.

Given these reasons, the City requests your signature on SB 562.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District