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Dear Mr. Ario:

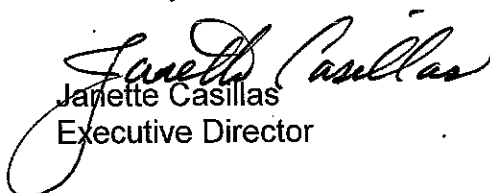
I am writing to express my strong support for California's application for a Level I Establishment grant to support the development and implementation of the California Health Benefit Exchange.

The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) administers four programs for the uninsured in California: the Healthy Families Program, California's Children's Health Insurance Program; the Access for Infants and Mothers Program for uninsured pregnant women; as well as both the state and federally funded programs for the medically uninsurable, Major Risk Insurance Program and Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Program respectively. MRMIB's programs provide coverage to individuals who may be eligible for coverage through the Exchange in 2014. MRMIB and the Exchange must work together to plan for and facilitate the transition of individuals from their current coverage in these state and federal programs into the Exchange.

MRMIB is enthusiastic about collaborating with the Exchange to ensure that the individuals we serve are able to benefit from the high-quality, affordable coverage that will be available through the Exchange.

Thank you for your time and consideration of California's application.

Sincerely,


Jariette Casillas
Executive Director