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Senator Mark Leno
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Re: Support for SB 810 (Leno)

Dear Senator Leno:

At its regular meeting in November 2003, the Board of Directors of San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council (VIC) “endorsed SB 921 and/or other legislation that provides comprehensive health coverage for all Californians and addresses the problems of administrative waste and growth in health care spending”.

On March 11, 2009, you introduced SB 810, The California Universal Health Care Act of 2009 which is nearly identical to legislation (SB 840) that was introduced in 2007 by former Senator Sheila Kuehl and which accomplishes the same outcomes as SB 921. In the spirit of the initial action of the VIC Board of Directors taken in 2003, I am pleased to add VIC’s endorsement as well to SB 810. As with its predecessor bills, SB 810 is the only bill that provides real choices for consumers among private sector providers and comprehensive coverage for all Californians while controlling rising health care costs.

In addition, VIC shall communicate our support to our elected representatives and the community-at-large and continue to provide information and/or opportunities for area organizations to address the healthcare crisis through study, reflection, advocacy and action.

Sincerely,

Marsha Novak
Chair
Valley Interfaith Council