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August 21, 2024

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

**RE: Veto Request – Assembly Bill 2749**

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 2749.

This bill offers workers who lose health benefits due to a labor dispute access to the coverage package available through Covered California.

AB-2749 proposes using taxpayer funds to support employees on strike, which, given the record number of strikes in 2023, could impose a significant financial burden on California, especially in the midst of a budget deficit. This bill risks setting a troubling precedent by potentially obligating taxpayers to cover strikers' living expenses. It's critical to carefully consider the long-term implications of extending taxpayer support in this manner and how it may undermine the collective bargaining process.

We need to ensure a balanced approach that considers the financial implications for taxpayers while supporting fair labor practices. This bill would strain taxpayers' resources and disrupt the collective bargaining process.

Thank you for your consideration, I respectfully request that you veto AB-2749. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto  
Senator, 32<sup>nd</sup> District