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On Behalf Of:  
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To the honorable Senate Committee On Health Care,

As a research graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley, in the school of social work, I did studies demonstrating the effectiveness of access to primary health care for pregnant women, which had already demonstrated as both cost effective and leading to significant health outcomes for children and mothers. In short- the SINGLE barrier to accesses proper primary care treatment is access to insurance or a health care coverage plan. Creating access to universal health care saves billions of dollars not spend in urgent care, emergency care, complicated hospitalizations, avoided and unneeded surgeries and hospital procedures, etc. It improves quality of life for populations such that less time is wasted in sick days missed from productive employment, compromised infectious disease spread, healthier populations with improved outcomes for education, industry, the economy, general population morbidity and mortality rates, infant mortality rates, minority health outcomes, etc...

I strongly urge you to move forward with SB 704 and similar and related legislation.  
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