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I am writing in support of ongoing funding for the Essential Worker Healthcare Trust through SB 27 and SB 283. 2024 was a rough year medically, without EWHT I would be staring at mounds of medical debt that undoubtedly would take me years to pay off. 2023 was when we first got this affordable healthcare insurance and 2024 was when I was finally able to have a surgery I needed. It has come with many complications & interim doctor's appointments galore, and bills follow that. The peace of mind having this insurance takes the pressure off worrying about being able to afford my doctor bills & allows me to focus on my health. Since 2021, the EWHT has provided nearly 6,000 people like me with health coverage for ourselves and our families, please fund EWHT. -Niki Francis, CNA, PACS