



July 5, 2023

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 7530  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: SB 525 (Durazo) Minimum wage: health care workers.  
City of Irvine Councilmember Agran — Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Durazo,

As a Councilmember for the City of Irvine, I write in support of SB 525, your bill that requires a health care worker minimum wage of \$21 per hour for hours worked in covered health care employment, because the City of Irvine prioritizes public health and wellness, and public safety, in its assessment of quality of life.

The City of Irvine is home to many outstanding hospitals, medical institutions, and other healthcare organizations that are pioneers and leaders in revolutionary research and innovative patient care, including the only academic health system in Orange County. These organizations also provide a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services led by nationally-regarded physicians and nurses, researchers and clinicians, educators and students united by a single calling, improving the lives of the people in our community and beyond.

A statewide standard minimum wage for this most important of industries is vital. It's time to invest in healthcare workers, to improve staffing and patient care. Raising the minimum wage for all healthcare workers statewide will help our medical facilities retain staff who were considering leaving. Higher wages will also help attract more workers, bolstering efforts to fill our huge shortage of healthcare workers and to ensure that we have the staffing needed to care for all the residents of our great state.

For these reasons, I am pleased to offer my support for our state's healthcare workers and your SB 525.

Sincerely,

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