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September 6, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Governor of California

State Capitol Building

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 918 (Wiener) – Homeless Youth Act of 2018 Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of [NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION], I am writing to urge you to sign this bill into law. SB 918 will require the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (Council) to take on additional duties to set specific goals to prevent and end youth homelessness. [ONE OR TWO SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION]

California has the highest number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness in the country and the second highest number of youth who are unsheltered. Yet, California lacks a clear strategy to prevent and end homelessness among young people. This bill will require the Council to provide a coordinating role, set statewide goals and outcome measures, and evaluate the effectiveness of programs in reaching those goals in order to reduce the number of young people experiencing homelessness.

Solving youth homelessness is a critical part of ending California’s larger homelessness crisis because young people who experience homelessness are five times more likely than their peers to become homeless adults. No young person should have to choose between school and the streets or between meaningful work and the street economy. No young person should be sleeping on a city bus or camping on a sidewalk. SB 918 will help California’s young people who are experiencing homelessness to ensure that any episode is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

For these reasons, I urge you to sign this important measure into law.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

cc: Christopher Martin, Housing California, cmartin@housingca.org