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September 21, 2017

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Veto Request – Assembly Bill 1513 (Kalra)

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 1513 (Kalra) which will require the Department of Social Services(DSS) to make available the personal contact information of home care aides to labor unions as requested.

AB 1513 is a bill that enhances the access of organized unions to the labor force. By providing the home care aide's personal information, unions will have direct access to the home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and addresses of employees working as home care aides. This violation of privacy for some of our hardest working public servants will hinder the ability of home health care agencies to recruit and retain health care personnel.

Currently, employees already have the option of providing their private information to union organizers on a voluntary basis. But not all employees are interested in joining with organized labor, and the privacy of these employees should be respected.

It is noteworthy to add that there is no state compelling interest that justifies the public disclosure of confidential employee information. The fiscal impact to the state will be approximately \$150,000 to create a home care aide contact list. Additionally, the Department of Social Services will have to update its computer contact system presenting another challenge for our state's Information Technology department.

AB 1513 is just the latest attempt to allow public employee labor unions to organize a new bargaining unit in order to collect more union dues. For these and many other reasons, I respectfully request that you veto AB 13 and protect the confidential information of our home care aides.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Stone".

Jeff Stone
Senator, 28th District