



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

July 1, 2022

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 562 (Portantino)—Health Care Coverage: Pervasive Developmental Disorders or Autism

Dear Senator Portantino,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SB 562.

This bill would expand access to evidence-based treatments for children diagnosed with autism and require health insurance plans to cover these additional treatment models. The legislation expands treatment options for families based on what their healthcare provider determines is most effective for the patient.

The City supports legislation to ensure, sustain, and expand access to private and public health insurance coverage for all residents. SB 562 aims to increase coverage for autism treatments to advance the wellbeing and health of thousands of children in California.

Given these reasons, the City supports SB 562.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District