

May 11, 2026

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Oppose – CA Participation in the State-to-State Verification Service

Dear Governor Newsom:

We, the undersigned organizations, stand in firm opposition to your proposal to pay \$55 million for California to join the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) State-to-State Verification Service (S2S). Collectively, our organizations represent hundreds of thousands of Californians across the span of the entire state. Sharing Californians' data and sensitive information with a private third party outside of California would expose community members, especially immigrant community members, to the potential abuse of that data without the protection of California law.

Sharing the data en masse with AAMVA S2S puts over 1 million Californians at risk.

Sending California's DMV data to the AAMVA S2S would put the data, which includes social security numbers and other personally identifiable information, in reach of a federal government that is hunting immigrants. This undermines hard-fought victories to protect our people, including the over 1 million immigrants who obtained AB 60 licenses. When AB 60 was passed in 2013, it prohibited DMV from disclosing social security numbers, with very limited exceptions. This was in response to safety and privacy concerns that community members raised, which the current proposal blatantly disregards.

Using \$55 million to share CA data with AAMVA S2S is fiscally irresponsible.

The request for the California Legislature to approve \$55 million to cover the cost of sharing the data with AAMVA is fiscally irresponsible. The request comes at a time when the state is facing significant budget challenges, and considering severe cuts to Medi-Cal, Cal Fresh, and other programs that affect the same families that would be at heightened risk of exposure. State dollars could be better utilized by investing in programs that protect and benefit Californians.

Sharing the data through AAMVA S2S is not required.

To be clear, California is opting to share data with AAMVA. It is not required to do so. Knowing how aggressive the federal government has been in trying to access DMV data in California for the purpose of identifying immigrants, it stands to reason that they would try to grab the data once it leaves California. In light of this, we should not let this data leave the state en masse.

California has an obligation to protect Californians.

We are facing unprecedented attacks on our state and communities by a federal administration that is actively unraveling the fabric of our democracy and barreling headfirst towards tyranny. The first rule of combatting tyranny is do not comply in advance. It is imperative that California not willingly give away data that the federal government could turn around and use to harm our communities. The best way to protect this data is to look for a solution that keeps it in California.

California made a promise to keep identity safe, and California should keep that promise. The State can find another way to respond to state-to-state requests without putting our privacy at risk and our immigrant communities in danger. We urge you to withdraw this funding request and recommit to protecting the data and safety of all Californians.

Sincerely,

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AAPIs for Civic Empowerment
Acacia Center for Justice
ACCE (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment)
AFT 1931
Ahri Center
AjA Project
Alianza Sacramento
Alliance for Boys and Men of Color (ABMoC)
Alliance San Diego
American Federation of Teachers, Local 1931
American Friends Service Committee
APEN Action
APLA Health
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance - San Diego
Asian Solidarity Collective
Bay Resistance
Bienestar Human Services
Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
Buen Vecino
California Black Power Network
California Calls
California Coalition for Women Prisoners
California Community Foundation
California Human Development Corporation
California Immigration Project
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
California Women's Law Center
California Work & Family Coalition

Canal Alliance
Catalyst California
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton
CBFD Indivisible
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)
Center on Policy Initiatives
Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño (CBDIO)
Centro Legal de la Raza
CFT — A Union of Educators & Classified Professionals
ChiChi Charlas
City Heights Defense Committee
Change Begins With ME Indivisible
Children's Partnership
Christ Ministry Center / Safe Harbors
City Workshops
CLEAN Carwash Worker Center
Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB)
Climate Action Campaign
Community Coalition
Community Health Project LA
Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (C.O.P.E.)
Council on American-Islamic Relations, California
Courage California
CSA San Diego County
Democratic Socialists of America- San Diego
Detention Resistance
Diversity in Health
East Bay Community Law Center
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
Education and Leadership Foundation
Ellis Collective
Employee Rights Center
Empowering Marginalized Asian Communities
Equal Rights Advocates
Equality California
Friends Committee on Legislation of California
Gender Justice LA
Glide Foundation
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network
Haven Services
Health in Partnership
Healthy Contra Costa
Hmong Innovating Politics
IDEPSCA

Immigrant Defenders Law Center
Immigrants Rising
Inclusive Action
Indivisible CA: StateStrong
Indivisible Resistance San Diego
Indivisible Sacramento
Indivisible San Francisco
InnerCity Struggle
Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice
Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity
Justice2Jobs Coalition
KIWA
La Defensa
LA Voice
Latina Center
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
Latinos en Accion
Law Office of Ian M Seruelo
Law Offices of Jane Oak & Associates
Little Tokyo Service Center
Local Progress California
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)
LULAC of San Benito County
MAiZ San Jose
Majdal: Arab Community Center of San Diego
Maternal and Child Health Access
Mid-City Community Advocacy Network
Million Voters Project
Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)
Multicultural Institute
National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON)
New Breath Foundation
New Light Wellness
Nonviolent Peaceforce
North County LGBTQ Resource Center
Nourishing Justly
OC Action
On The Move
ORALE: Organizing Rooted in Abolition Liberation and Empowerment
Orange County Equality Coalition
Orange County Justice Fund
Orange County Rapid Response Network
Para Los Niños
Parent Voices California
Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA)
Pillars of the Community

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Pomona Economic Opportunity Center
Power California
Powerswitch Action
Privacy Defense Alliance
Proteus, Inc.
Public Counsel
Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center
PWC (Pilipino Workers Center)
Queer Trans People of Color
Resilience OC
Rubicon Programs
San Diego Families for Justice
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium
San Diego LGBT Community Center
San Francisco Public Defender's Office
SB County Immigrant Legal Defense Center
Secure Justice
Senior and Disability Action
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)
Showing Up for Racial Justice Santa Clara County
Silicon Valley De-Bug
South Asian Network
South Bay LGBTQ Center
South Bay People Power
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Southern California Immigration Project
Street Level Health Project
Students' Civil Liberties Union
Sunburst Projects
SURJ (Showing up for Racial Justice) San Diego
SURJ SF
Survivors of Torture International
Take Action San Diego
Tenant Councils of San Diego
TODEC Legal Center
transcendANCE Youth Arts
TWW/Indivisible - Los Gatos
UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health
UAW Region 6
Union or Bust Podcast
United Taxi Workers Of San Diego
United Transportation Workers of San Diego
Universidad Popular
Up Valley Family Centers of Napa County
UURISE - Unitarian Universalist Refugee & Immigrant Services & Education

Viet Voices
World Relief Southern California
WPUSA
Youth Alliance
Youth Will

Cc: Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas
Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón
Senate Majority Leader Angelique Ashby
Assistant Senate Majority Whip Susan Rubio
Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Josh Lowenthal
Assembly Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore Celeste Rodriguez
Assembly Majority Whip Mark Gonzalez
California Assembly Budget Committee
California Senate Budget Committee
California Senate Budget Subcommittee #5
California Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4
California Asian American Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus
California Legislative Black Caucus
California Latino Legislative Caucus
California LGBTQ Caucus
California Legislative Women's Caucus