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**RE: *OPPOSE SB 426 Community-based home visitation pilot program***

Senate Human Services Committee Members,

We are "Educate. Advocate." a statewide grassroots nonprofit organization serving families who have children with special needs. We write to you today to request that you oppose SB 426

Legislative Counsel's Digest indicates this is a fiscal bill that will be directed to appropriations and that *"This bill would appropriate up to \$1,500,000 annually from the General Fund to the State Department of Social Services to be allocated in the amount of \$500,000 to each of up to 3 family resource centers that apply for, and are selected to conduct, a pilot program pursuant to specified criteria. The bill would require the department to administer the program, as specified."*

SB 426 Fact Sheet: SB 426 "seeks to establish a pilot program to implement the Community Based Home Visitation Pilot Program based on the Sacramento County Birth & Beyond Family Resource Center model. This program, as modeled in the bill, utilized community members trained through AmeriCorps" (California Volunteers) "to deliver intensive home visitation services and outreach to families." Additionally, "The Pilot Program to be established under SB 426 seeks to implement this model under three family resource centers around the state to test its effectiveness and scalability for long-term implementation as a statewide approach to home visitation". SB 426 creates a pilot program for the home visiting program in California using volunteers as opposed to professionals. This is quite concerning. In addition the language of the law that originally stated that home visit programs were voluntary was struck out.

We urge you to vote no on SB 426. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director of Educate. Advocate.