August 17, 2020

The Honorable Shirley N. Weber
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3123
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Proposition 16/Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Weber:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for your Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5, which will appear on the November 2020 General Election ballot as Proposition 16. Proposition 16 would repeal Proposition 209 of 1996, which prohibited affirmative action in several public processes. RCRC is an association of thirty-seven rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors includes elected supervisors from those member counties.

At RCRC’s August 12th Board of Directors meeting, following a robust discussion and a close vote, the RCRC Board of Directors adopted a “Support” position. RCRC believes Proposition 16 would provide an opportunity for county governments to reassess their hiring and contracting practices to address racial inequities in their respective hiring/contracting practices.

RCRC appreciates your leadership in the State Legislature for addressing this issue. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

STACY CORLESS
Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors
RCRC First Vice Chair
cc: The Honorable Toni Atkins, President Pro Tempore of the State Senate
    The Honorable Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the State Assembly
    Alice A. Huffman, President, National Association for the Advancement of
    Colored People
    Ms. Lisa Martin, Chief of Staff, Office of Assembly Member Shirley Weber
    Ms. Tiffaney Boyd, Legislative Aide, Office of Assembly Member Shirley Weber