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The Honorable Alex Padilla 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 2606, the Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 Act – SUPPORT

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for S. 2606, the *Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 Act*.

This bill would broaden a pathway to permanency for millions of long-term U.S. residents. The Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 would update the existing Registry statute so that an immigrant may qualify for lawful permanent resident status if they have lived in the U.S. continuously for at least seven years before filing an application for lawful permanent resident status and are of good moral character.

The legislation would provide a much-needed pathway to a green card for more than 8 million people, including Dreamers, forcibly displaced citizens (TPS holders), children of long-term visa holders, essential workers, and highly skilled members of our workforce. According to <u>FWD.us estimates</u>, if the undocumented individuals covered in this bill became citizens, they would contribute approximately \$121 billion to the U.S. economy annually and about \$35 billion in taxes.

We are pleased to offer our support for the *Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 Act*, and we thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo, Chair Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator