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**ENACT Day 2020 Update: Moving Online** 

Dear Registrants,

On behalf of the ENACT Day Planning Committee, we hope you and your loved ones are all staying safe and healthy during this challenging time. We wanted to reach out and provide some updates around ENACT Day 2020, which was scheduled for Thursday, April 30.

As health equity-focused organizations, the health, safety, and wellbeing of our communities is our top priority. We know that social distancing is one of the most important tools we as individuals can take to limit the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), and in accordance with our local, state, and federal health experts, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our in-person event and instead move to a virtual platform.

ENACT Day has brought hundreds of Californians to the capitol each year, for the past 15 years, to raise their voices to improve health and equity in their communities. With the current COVID crisis, we know that the issues we've advocated in the past – such as improving nutrition for students, or ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare for all – are only becoming more critical. We also recognize that following our previous model of ENACT Day would not fit for this year's event, given the online setting and the altered legislative session as our elected officials work to respond to COVID as quickly as possible.

With this in mind, we're working to develop a new model for this year's ENACT event, to ensure that we continue to provide our community members an opportunity to voice their hopes and concerns to our elected officials, and to set us up for an even stronger in-person event next year. We've been in conversation with some of our electeds about ways they plan to stay in touch with their constituents, including live town halls on Facebook and Instagram, or Zoom meetings with smaller groups. Our Planning and Advisory Committees will keep meeting for the next few weeks to develop this event, and will keep you all updated when we have firm plans. For now, please know that we will convene in some form on April 30th.

At this time, we'd love to hear from you: are there ways you want to engage online with our representatives? Are there any issues that are pressing to your community at this time that are being overlooked? How can we support you in advocating for yourselves and your communities?

Finally, we know that many of you have generously donated during registration to fund another attendee to travel to ENACT Day. If you donated, or are not sure if you donated, please respond directly to this email, and we'll work out how to refund you.

Thank you for your patience in this challenging time.

Take good care,

The ENACT Day Planning Committee

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