

**Sample Letter of Support**  
**AB 516 (Pérez) – Safe Routes to School**

**[DATE]**

Governor Jerry Brown  
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**RE: AB 516 (Pérez) – Support**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of **[organization name]**, I am writing to ask you to sign Assembly Bill 516 authored by Assembly Member V.M Perez to increase Safe Routes to Schools. AB 516 would require Caltrans to prioritize disadvantaged communities and applicants to use a public process for selecting projects that apply for Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) grants.

Since 1999, California has awarded \$267.7 million in SR2S grants, helping provide the necessary infrastructure to encourage children to walk and bicycle to school. This has reduced the risks of childhood obesity while simultaneously creating safer streets for pedestrians.

Last year, a report by the Technical Assistance and Resource Center (TARC), contracted by the Department of Transportation, found that low-income communities have received 44 percent of SR2S grants. TARC recommended that steps be taken to increase that number to 50 percent.

AB 516 supports that goal by requiring the use of public participation processes to promote greater inclusion of community voices in the development of funding proposals. It also safeguards disadvantaged communities by ensuring their needs are met when addressing the predominant health and safety concerns of that community.

The **[organization name]** supports AB 516 and we urge you to sign this important bill.

Sincerely,

**Name**  
**Title**