Use your organization’s stationery, then submit your letter to Governor Newsom by emailing it to leg.unit@gov.ca.gov and please send a signed copy to Julie McCormick, mccormickj@clccal.org and Richardson Davis, Richardson.davis@asm.ca.gov.

September XX, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR AB 1794 (Gipson)**

Dear Governor Newsom:

Organization name is pleased to support AB 1794, which serves to strengthen family connections for adoptees.

[insert organization’s background and/or any specific stories or cases to emphasize the need for this bill]

Many children and young adults adopted through the child welfare system report that maintaining a connection to their biological family and community, especially with their siblings, is critical to their well-being. Current law recognizes the importance and need to maintain family connections for adoptees when appropriate.

Despite existing protections, too often children and nonminors adopted from the child welfare system lose all familial ties. AB 1794 looks to address the gaps and inconsistencies in implementation of current law meant to protect familial relationships by: (a) requiring the child welfare agency to set up a meeting to address post-adoption contact between siblings when parental rights are terminated, and (b) broadening the circumstances in which a court may reinstate parental rights for a biological parent when it is in the best interests of a child or nonminor dependent.

The proposed changes in AB 1794 would allow children and young adults adopted through the child welfare system to maintain critical connections to their biological family and community. For these reasons, [Organization] respectfully requests your signature on AB 1794. Thank you.

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

cc: Assemblymember Gipson