**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**[WHEN FINISHED, ERASE ALL RED]**

As soon as possible (the Governor can sign or veto the bill ANY DAY from now to Oct. 11), please add your letterhead (if applicable) and sign. Please email your letter to Cat Nou at [cat@everydayimpactconsulting.com](mailto:cat@everydayimpactconsulting.com) and she will send them to the Governor's office.

If you would rather send the letter directly, please fax it to Governor Brown’s office (Attn: June Clark, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, at fax # 916-558-3160) and Dr. Weber (Attn: Marcus McKinney, at fax # 916-319-2179). Please ALSO email a copy to Cat Nou at [cat@everydayimpactconsulting.com](mailto:cat@everydayimpactconsulting.com" \t "_blank) so we can make sure no letters are lost.

Current bill language is available [here](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB953&search_keywords=).

For more information, contact Marcus McKinney at [Marcus.McKinney@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Marcus.McKinney@asm.ca.gov).

[LOGO OR LETTERHEAD]

September [--], 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

State Capitol Building

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 953 (Weber) — Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of [NAME OF ORGANIZATION], we respectfully request your signature for Assembly Bill 953, the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015, authored by Assemblymember Shirley Weber. This bill places California on a path toward fair policing, and fosters greater law enforcement transparency and accountability. At this pivotal moment in our nation’s ongoing struggle with race and racism, California can and should demonstrate leadership and moral authority by enacting this commonsense and reasonable legislation.

[If sending on behalf of an organization, include 2-3 sentences about the organization, who you represent or serve, and the work you do.]

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in California stand in solidarity with Black, Latino, and Native American communities who are disproportionately impacted by racial profiling by law enforcement, and overrepresented in California’s criminal justice system. In addition to data collection regarding law enforcement encounters with community members, AB 953 also makes identity profiling unlawful, including targeting individuals based on perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability.

AANHPI communities have historically been subject to severe levels of discrimination based on race, ranging from the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 that prohibited immigration to the U.S. from China to Executive Order 9066 that ordered the unjust imprisonment of individuals solely based on their Japanese ancestry. Presently, the violation of the civil rights of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian communities is particularly pronounced due to identity profiling in the post-9/11 environment.

It is time for California to confront the crisis of confidence communities across the state are experiencing. A recent poll shows that 65% of California voters believe that police discriminate against Blacks, and that 71% believe that young Black males are most likely to the subject of police discrimination.[[1]](#footnote-1) To address these concerns and develop a better understanding of biased policing, AB 953 creates a uniform system for collecting basic information on police-community interactions and provides an important mechanism to make that information publicly accessible.

The advisory board created through AB 953 will reflect the state’s diversity and provide an avenue for meaningful public engagement in racial and identity profiling policies of local law enforcement agencies.

AB 953 will foster the development of evidenced-based solutions that prevent profiling and put us on a path toward repairing community trust in law enforcement. This is a historic moment where the State of California should demonstrate strong and principled leadership by enacting AB 953. We respectfully urge you to sign AB 953. Please contact [CONTACT PERSON] at [CONTACT INFORMATION] if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATURE]

[TYPED NAME]

[TYPED TITLE]

**AB 953: THE RACIAL PROFILING & IDENTITY PROFILING ACT 2015 SUPPORTER LIST**

Advancement Project

Afrikan Black Coalition

AIDS Project Los Angeles

All of Us or None

Alliance for Boys and Men of Color

Alliance San Diego

American Civil Liberties Union of California

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

A New Path

A New Way of Life Reentry Project

API Equality-LA

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Sacramento

Asian Law Alliance

Bay Area Youth Summit

Black Lives Matter

Black Women for Wellness

Board of Rabbis of Southern California

Brown Boi Project

California Attorneys for Criminal Justice

California Federation of Teachers

California Immigrant Policy Center

California Partnership

California Public Defenders Association

Californians United for a Responsible Budget

Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice

Central American Resource Center, Los Angeles

Children’s Defense Fund

Chinese for Affirmative Action

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, Los Angeles

Community Coalition

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-CA)

Courage Campaign

Dignity & Power Now

Drug Policy Alliance

Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)

ENLACE

Equality California

Equal Justice Society

FACTS Education Fund & Fair Chance Project

Families ACT!

Filipino Migrant Center of Southern California

Friends Committee on Legislation of California

Gay-Straight Alliance Network

Greenlining Institute

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Immigrant Youth Coalition

Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Coalition

Inner City Struggle

Interfaith Center for Worker Justice of San Diego County

Islah LA

Islamic Shura Council of Southern California

Japanese American Citizens League

Justice for Immigrants Coalition of Inland Southern California

Justice Not Jails

K.W. Lee Center for Leadership

LA Progressive

LA Voice

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition

Los Angeles Black Worker Center

Los Angeles LGBT Center

Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership

Merced Organizing Project

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

NAACP- California State Conference

National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

National Center for Lesbian Rights

National Council of Negro Women

National Day Laborer Organizing Network

National Employment Law Project

National Lawyers Guild, S.F. Bay Area Chapter

New Covenant Church

New PATH, Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing

OCCCO: Orange County Congregation Community Organization

PACT: People Acting in Community Together

PICO California

Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California

Placer People of Faith Together

PolicyLink

Priority African Network

Progressive Christians Uniting

Public Advocates

Reform California

Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability

Root & Rebound

Sacramento Area Congregations Together

Sadler Healthcare

San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO

San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

San Francisco Organizing Project

San Francisco Police Commissioner

San Francisco Public Defender, Jeff Adachi

San Francisco Public Defender’s Racial Justice Committee

San Francisco Tenants Union

SCOPE

SEIU California

Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network

Social Justice Learning Institute

South Asian Network

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

Starting Over, Inc.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Whittier Law School

Transgender Law Center

True North Organizing Network

Tulare County for Families

W. Haywood Burns Institute

Youth Justice Coalition

1. https://www.aclunc.org/news/new-poll-majority-california-voters-support-bill-curb-racial-profiling [↑](#footnote-ref-1)