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First 5 Association Commends New Legislative “Children’s Caucus”

SACRAMENTO—The First 5 Association of California, representing First 5 commissions across the state that serve more than 1 million children and families each year, issued the following statement regarding the creation of a new, bipartisan “[Children’s Caucus](#)” made up of over 40 state legislators across the state Assembly and Senate.

The following can be attributed to Avo Makdessian, Executive Director of First 5 Association of California:

“At a time when California families are facing ongoing state and federal cuts, and widening economic uncertainty, we commend Assemblymember Mia Bonta and this group of state lawmakers who have dedicated themselves to focusing on children’s issues through the formation of the new Children’s Caucus. We look forward to reviewing the proposals this caucus brings forward, proposing policy solutions for their support, and standing alongside them advocating for our youngest Californians.”

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About First 5 Association of California

First 5 Association of California represents the state’s 58 county First 5 Commissions. Together, First 5 supports over one million children and families each year, advancing policies and investments that ensure young children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. The Association works to advance state and federal public policies and funding that support California’s young children and families. Our policy work is informed by county First 5 Commissions and local communities and is grounded in a whole child / whole family lens. We do this while centering the fact that low-income communities, communities of color, and historically marginalized Californians face disproportionate impacts due to systemic racism, wealth inequality, and environmental hazards. Learn more at www.first5association.org.