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**Clínica Romero CEO Carlos Vaquerano Applauds Governor Gavin Newsom on Signing AB 2697**

*An important Day for the Underserved and Those Most in Need of Health Care*

(Los Angeles, CA) “Today is an important day for people who are underserved and are most in need of health care access, and I applaud Governor Newsom for doing what is right for our underserved communities. AB 2697 will prioritize linguistically and culturally accessible outreach to community members who are eligible for Medi-Cal’s Community Health Worker/Promotores benefit.

Promotores and Community Health Care workers are often a reflection of the communities they live in, and the communities we serve. They are an essential community-informed workforce. For many in the community, these professionals may be the only form of access they have to health care. Too many still do not have access to the internet, rendering them unable to get necessary, and in some cases, life-saving information.

We at Clínica Romero believe that health care is a human right for all. For 39 years, our mission and work has been guided by the exemplary life’s work of Monseñor Oscar A. Romero to provide quality, affordable, healthcare services to underserved communities. We continue to provide quality care by demonstrating compassion and defending the most vulnerable of our community every day.

We are inspired daily by Monseñor Romero’s message of love, compassion, and social justice to improve the well-being and health of our communities.”

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