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Subject: SB 859 - Great Job

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world;
indeed, it's the only thing that ever has" - Margaret Mead
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What a powerful, long but amazing day we had at the Public Health Committee hearing on Monday! Here is a quick rundown of what happened:

- 14 individuals signed up to testify. ALL IN SUPPORT!
- As of today, over [40 individual written submissions](#) in support of SB 859 are online!
- At 5:15 the bill was finally called! Among the 14 people testifying in support, 4 were CHWs who shared their personal stories and their reasons for supporting certification!
- Watch the Facebook Live Stream of the hearing [here!](#)

SO... WHAT'S NEXT???

The Public Health Committee has until April 3rd to vote the bill out of committee. They only meet on M, W, and F, so this translates to **3 days to get the bill out of committee!** We need **calls and emails of support!** If we don't make it out of the committee the bill dies! We have come too far for that to happen.

SUPPORT SB 859

CALL OR EMAIL MEMBERS of the PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE & ask that this bill be voted on favorably by the committee!

Here is a simple phone script, that can also be used as an email:

Hello, my name is [*insert your name*] and I am calling to ask you to move **SB 859 An Act Concerning Community Health Workers** out of committee. This bill establishes a certification program for community health workers in our state. I believe that Community Health Workers play a vital role for our state and communities, and I urge you to support this bill. Thank you.

If you are leaving a voicemail message, be sure to include your name and contact information as well as the bill number.

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For other members of the Public Health Committee click [here](#)