



California Association for Bilingual Education

January 27, 2025

The Honorable Lena Gonzalez  
State Capitol  
1021 O Street, Suite 8610  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 12 (Gonzalez)**  
**Position: Support**

Dear Senator Gonzalez:

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) is pleased to support SB 12 (Gonzalez), as introduced on December 2, 2024, which would create the Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Agency headed by a secretary appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and whose purpose is to reduce obstacles and enhance immigration integration into California.

CABE believes that California must lead the nation in **its** support of immigrant communities who have helped to lead our great state to achieve the fifth's largest economy globally.

CABE thanks you for your leadership and support on this issue. Should you have any questions regarding our request, feel free to reach out to CABE's Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker at [jbaker@m-w-h.com](mailto:jbaker@m-w-h.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edgar Lampkin".

Dr. Edgar Lampkin  
CABE Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baker".

Jennifer Baker  
CABE Legislative Advocate