January xx, 2020

The Honorable [insert legislator’s full name]

California State [insert Assembly or Senate]

Room Number: [insert room number]

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR [##]

Dear [Assemblymember or Senator] [insert name],

My name is [insert your first and last name] and I am a [parent / service provider / advocate / community member] who lives in your district. I’m writing to urge you to vote yes on ACR [##], which will designate the month of **January 2020 as Positive Parenting Awareness Month in California**.

As you may know, raising children and youth is one of the most important jobs that parents and caregivers will ever have. Decades of research have proven that the quality of parenting or caregiving during childhood is one of the most powerful predictors of future social, emotional, and physical health. Yet many parents and caregivers begin this lifetime job of raising children feeling unprepared, socially isolated, and reluctant to reach out for help.

Throughout California and in [your county’s name] county, many organizations are working together to ensure that all families have opportunities to access positive parenting programs and services in ways that respect their unique beliefs, traditions, customs, interests, and racial, ethnic, and cultural practices. Designating January 2020 as Positive Parenting Awareness Month will shine a light on these effective programs and partnerships, and celebrate all the parents, grandparents, foster parents, and other relatives and caregivers who are raising California’s next generation of parents, workers, and leaders.

I hope I can count on you to vote yes on ACR ##. If you or your staff would like to learn more about local efforts to support positive parenting in your district, please feel free to contact [me / name of person] at [phone or email].

Sincerely,

[Your signature]

[Your printed name]

[Your street address]

[Your City, State, Zip]