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Secretary of State Padilla Responds to the Nomination of Sen. Jeff Sessions for U.S. Attorney General

SACRAMENTO – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla released the following statement in response to the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions as the President-elect’s pick for United States Attorney General:

“The nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions for U.S. Attorney General is the latest signal that civil rights and voting rights are under imminent attack. Senator Sessions’ long record blocking immigration reform, opposing civil rights and dismissing the Voting Rights Act as a “piece of intrusive legislation” reveal his utter disregard for less advantaged communities and an agenda that threatens to roll back the real progress we’ve made as a state and nation.

California is moving forward with our efforts to expand voting rights - such as automatic and same-day voter registration and creating more options for early voting. We will continue defending the right of all eligible voters to cast their ballots free from discrimination, intimidation or unnecessary obstacles. It is my expectation that any U.S. Attorney General would support this vision and join us in tackling issues of disenfranchisement.

Our country deserves no less.”

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