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March 27, 2016

The Honorable Jim Wood
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2775 (Gallagher) – Oppose

Dear Assemblymember Wood:

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), I am writing in opposition of AB 2775 which would require health care providers to post information that would direct women to crisis pregnancy centers.

Crisis pregnancy centers have a documented record of spreading medical misinformation and deceiving women. These centers have falsely linked abortion with breast cancer, infertility, mental health problems and even death. Furthermore, these centers are not legitimate health care facilities. Women have faced dangerous health problems because they visited a crisis pregnancy center that was not adequately equipped to give proper prenatal care. Demanding that any medical facility provide information directing women to crisis pregnancy centers that will lie to them and potentially endanger their lives is unsafe and unethical.

Since its founding in 1989, CWLC has worked to break down barriers and advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy, and education. A vital part of our mission is to ensure that women have access to proper reproductive health care.

The California Women's Law Center strongly opposes AB 2775, which would co-opt health care providers into spreading inaccurate information and risking women's health. We urge you to vote NO vote when AB 2775 is heard in the Assembly Health Committee.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler
Executive Director