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Statement of Katie Buckland, Executive Director of the California Women's Law Center, on the Defeat of Proposition 85:

"We are pleased that voters have rejected a law that would have delayed access to vital health services for teens. The failure of Proposition 85 is an affirmation of the great strides that we have made in education and pregnancy prevention and further evidence that Californians feel that the safety of our children should come before politics.

The people of California have long been opposed to parental notification for abortion. The defeat of Proposition 85 is an affirmation of what research had told us for years—teens who do not notify their parents of the need to have an abortion have well-founded reasons, ranging from abuse, abandonment or incest. And unlike the girls who have healthy relationship with their parents and will seek them out without a ballot initiative, notification laws could put the most vulnerable among us danger.

We look forward to working with parents, healthcare providers and policymakers to build on the gains we have made in pregnancy prevention. With comprehensive, responsible and medically accurate sex education the numbers of unwanted pregnancies will continue to decline."

**About the California Women's Law Center**

**Since its founding in 1989, the California Women's Law Center has worked in collaboration with others to protect, secure and advance the comprehensive civil rights of women and girls. CWLC has unparalleled expertise in strategies to protect and advance women's rights with programs to empower individuals to use the law to address the societal and legal issues that perpetuate ongoing gender inequity, women's health issues, reproductive justice and violence against women.**

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