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March 24, 2016

The Honorable Fran Pavley  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 999 (Pavley) – Support**

Dear Senator Pavley:

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), I am writing in support of SB 999, which would require all health care service plans and health insurers to cover up to 12 months of FDA-approved, self-administered hormonal contraceptives when dispensed at one time.

Currently, women can receive a 30- or 90-day supply of contraceptives. But low income women and women who live in rural areas often do not have convenient access to pharmacies or transportation. The 30- and 90- day supply limits require women to spend the time and effort to continually refill their contraceptive prescriptions.

Birth control is only effective when taken consistently. Women who receive a 12-month supply of contraceptives are more likely to take them as prescribed and therefore have a reduced risk of unintended pregnancy. SB 999 would allow women access to 12-months of birth control in keeping with reproductive health best practices.

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 fight for reproductive justice, ensuring that all women have access to the health care opportunities they need to lead healthy and productive lives.

The California Women's Law Center strongly supports SB 999 because it will improve women's access to contraception.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler  
Executive Director