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Assemblymember Shannon Grove

State Capitol Building

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 2512 (Grove) – Support**

Dear Assemblymember Grove:

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), I am writing in support of AB 2512 (Grove), which would create a task force to address California women veterans' health care. AB 2512 would make allow an individual to indicate that a specified amount in excess of his or her tax liability be transferred to the California Domestic Violence Fund.

Women veterans make up 9% of the veteran population. Over the next thirty years, that number will double. Yet the health care available to them is inadequate. One third of VA medical centers do not have a gynecologist on staff. Only 2% of VA health facilities provided mammograms in 2011. VA centers do not handle prenatal care or deliver babies. This gap in health care availability is incredibly harmful to women veterans. 1 in 5 women veterans delayed or went without care in 2013 and 2014. Female veterans are about five times more likely than nonveteran women to commit suicide. Women veterans desperately need proper care to protect their health and well-being.

Since 1989, CWLC has worked to break down barriers and advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy and education. With more women veterans than ever, CWLC is dedicated to advocating for their unique needs and making sure they have access to essential resources.

The California Women's Law Center strongly supports AB 2512, which will improve California women veterans' health care. Women veterans have sacrificed so much for our country. AB 2512 will honor their service by making their health care a top priority.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler

Executive Director