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September 8, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 492 (Gonzalez) – Urge Signature**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we are writing to urge your signature on AB 492 (Gonzalez), which would provide monthly access to diapers for families in the CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work program.

For low-income families, diapers are a huge expense that they cannot afford. Currently, the food assistance and health care programs crucial to helping California's struggling families do not provide any relief from this burden.

Parents who are unable to leave a young child in daycare because of an insufficient diaper supply are unable to work or attend school, which further limits their ability to provide for their family. Low income parents who cannot afford diapers may change their children's diapers less often, which can cause health problems such as blisters and urinary tract infections. In addition, an inability to afford diapers can cause tremendous parental stress, further impacting child health and development.

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 and children receive the resources necessary to allow their families to thrive.

CWLC strongly urges your signature on AB 492, which will protect child health, increase access to daycare, and assist working families in California.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler  
Executive Director