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Executive Director Betsy Butler September 9, 2016

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

Re: Senate Bill 1375 (Jackson) - Urge Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we are writing to urge your signature on SB 1375 (Jackson), which would require all schools receiving federal funding to post the name and contact information of their Title IX Coordinator on their website. SB 1375 would also require the posting of other important Title IX information on the school's website, including (1) the rights of students and the public under Title IX, (2) the responsibilities of the school under Title IX, and (3) a description of how to file a complaint under Title IX. It would also require the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to electronically send an annual letter to all schools notifying them of this responsibility.

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 core component of our work toward gender equality is ensuring Title IX compliance. CWLC has represented students in multiple Title IX lawsuits alleging discrimination in school athletics and is a leader throughout the state on Title IX issues.

SB 1375 is a simple, cost-effective approach for California to improve its schools' compliance with Title IX. In order for Title IX to be effective, schools must disseminate information about their procedures with students and parents. SB 1375 would help ensure that staff, students, and their families are aware of their rights and will also hold Title IX Coordinators responsible for ensuring compliance.

The California Women's Law Center strongly urges your signature on SB 1375, to ensure California's students can learn in a gender equitable environment.

Sincerely,

Betsy Butler Executive Director

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