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The Honorable Mark Stone California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 3146 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 749 (Stone) - Support

Dear Assemblymember Stone,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we write in support of AB 749 which would prohibit harmful "no rehire" clauses in settlement agreements regarding sexual discrimination and harassment claims.

"No rehire" clauses punish victims by barring them from returning to their employer as well as from working anywhere owned, operated or affiliated with that employer. In many cases, such provisions impose a substantial burden on an employee's ability to practice a chosen occupation or career. These retaliatory provisions dissuade employees from reporting workplace misconduct out of fear of being penalized for doing so.

AB 749 would bring greater fairness to the settlement process by prohibiting any provision that restricts the ability of an employee who is a victim of alleged discrimination, harassment or other labor employment law violation, to continue to work for that employer.

CWLC's mission is to advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy and education. AB 749 will ensure victims of harassment and discrimination in the workplace are protected, creating a stronger workforce in California.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports AB 749.

Sincerely,

Betsy Butler

Executive Director

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