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March 18, 2020

The Honorable Richard Pan  
Chair, Senate Health Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2191  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 859 (Wiener) - Support**

Dear Senator Pan,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center, we write in support of SB 859 which would address the sexually transmitted disease (STD) epidemic in California by directing the creation of a statewide plan involving multiple state agencies.

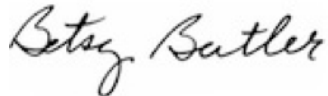
STDs are a serious public health issue in our state. California's STD rates continue to climb and are currently at their highest level in 30 years. California is uniquely positioned to lead the nation by developing the first statewide plan to address HIV, hepatitis C, and other STDs. It is crucial that all state agencies serving those living with and vulnerable to these conditions prioritize them together.

SB 859 would require the California Department of Health and Human Services and the California Office of AIDS to work with other relevant state agencies and community stakeholders to set targets for ending the STD epidemic and identify recommended programs, policies, strategies, and funding for achieving these goals. SB 859 will create a roadmap to improve the health of all Californians.

CWLC's mission is to break down barriers and advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy, and education. We prioritize ensuring the health and safety of all Californians.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports SB 859.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler  
Executive Director