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March 10, 2021

The Honorable Dave Min  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2048  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 374 (Min and Rubio) – Support**

Dear Senator Min,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center, we write in support of SB 374 which would add reproductive coercion as a form of abuse under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, reports of domestic violence have spiked, leaving many survivors trapped with their abusers. Currently, the Domestic Violence Prevention Act authorizes a court to issue an ex parte order enjoining a party from engaging in specified acts of abuse, including "disturbing the peace of another party." This includes coercive control, defined as a pattern of behavior that unreasonably interferes with a person's free will and personal liberty.

SB 374 changes the definition of coercive control to include reproductive coercion. The expanded definition ensures that victims are able to seek protection when their abuser interferes in their reproductive decision-making including tampering with their birth control or forcing the termination of a pregnancy.

CWLC's mission is to create a more just and equitable society by breaking down barriers and advancing the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy, and education. SB 374 will help combat domestic violence by ensuring reproductive coercion is explicitly recognized as a form of domestic abuse under the law.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports SB 374.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler  
Executive Director