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April 13, 2021

The Honorable Lisa Calderon  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Human Resources  
State Capitol, Room 124  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 92 (Gómez Reyes) – Support**

Dear Assemblymember Calderon,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center, we write in support of AB 92 which addresses the costs of child care.

The average two-parent working family in California spends 20% of their annual income on child care. While there are a number of public programs to help families, these programs require payment of fees that can make them unaffordable.

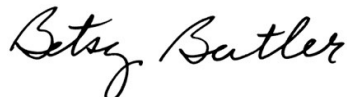
During the pandemic, these fees were waived for certain groups. However, the suspension of fees for essential workers and those using in-person care expired August 30, 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has only heightened the need for affordable child care for families, especially in communities of color.

AB 92 will create an equitable sliding scale to ensure that these fees do not exceed 1% of a family's monthly income and that no family below 75% of the state median income is required to pay the fee. In addition, the bill will temporarily waive fees for all families until October 31, 2022 due to the pandemic.

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. AB 92 promotes family wellness by ensuring child care is accessible to families regardless of income.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports AB 92.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler  
Executive Director