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The Honorable Steven M. Glazer Chair, Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee State Capitol, Room 2203 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCA 5 (Glazer) - Support

Dear Senator Glazer:

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center, we write in support of SCA 5 which would ensure that both student members of the University of California (UC) Board of Regents have full voting rights.

Currently the UC Board of Regents is composed of 26 members and two student regents, but only one student may vote. The second student regent is allowed to participate in meetings but cannot vote.

Student regents represent more than 285,000 students in the UC system, a number that continues to grow, and they are directly affected by the policies and budgets the Board considers and ultimately implements.

SCA 5 will help create a more equitable future for public higher education by ensuring that student voices are heard. Increasing the level of student participation will ensure students' perspectives are represented at the Board meetings.

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. SCA 5 will help ensure that UC students are represented when important decisions about their futures are being made.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports SCA 5.

Sincerely,

Betsy Butler

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