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June 9, 2022

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 7730
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Constitutional Amendment 10 (SCA 10) – Support

Dear Pro Tem Atkins,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center, we write in support of SCA 10, a measure that will solidify the right to abortion and contraception in California's State Constitution.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to overturn *Roe v. Wade* this month, taking away the long-standing right to abortion and eroding the underlying right to privacy. As we prepare for the Supreme Court's decision, states across the country have introduced and enacted extreme bans on abortion and restricted access for millions of people. Polling shows that 72% of likely voters in California do not want to see *Roe* overturned.

A decision to overturn *Roe* could portend additional health care challenges nationally, impacting access to contraception and destabilizing other rights to personal autonomy. In addition, a final decision to overturn *Roe* would disproportionately burden low-income communities, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community and many others in being able to access the care they need. Now more than ever, California must reaffirm its commitment to upholding reproductive rights as national rights are poised for regression.

SCA 10 would directly and explicitly protect the right to abortion and contraception.

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 10 seeks to enshrine the right to abortion and contraception as a fundamental right in our state's governing charter.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports SCA 10.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler
Executive Director