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September 8, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Assembly Bill 2046 (Baker) – Urgent Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we are writing to urge your signature on AB 2146 (Baker), which would require public social services state hearings position statements to be made available electronically two working days before a hearing.

Current law provides that a county statement of position (SOP) shall be available to be picked up two working days prior to the hearing. This requires clients to travel to the county department of social services to get a copy of the county's SOP, which can be financially burdensome to low-income persons, particularly those living in rural areas.

AB 2146 advocates for the use of technology to increase the efficiency of these hearings. Low-income people may not be able to afford to travel to pick up the county's SOP, which can prevent proper hearings on the outstanding issues like the denial of medical services.

Since its founding in 1985, CWLC has worked to break down barriers and advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy, and education. A dual part of our mission is to ensure that women and children have access to health care and the ability to assert their rights to important medical services.

CWLC strongly urges your signature on AB 2146, which will ensure that Californians are able to get the healthcare they need by simplifying the human services hearings process.

Sincerely,



Emily Baker
Executive Director