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August 7, 2018

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support SB 320 (Leyva) – College Student Right to Access Act

Dear Chair Gonzalez Fletcher,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we write in support of Senate Bill 320, which will increase students' access to reproductive health services by providing medication abortion at student health centers.

Currently, none of California's public universities provide medication abortion services at their student health centers, despite how clinically simple the service is to offer. Therefore, students must go off campus to access abortion care, often facing significant logistical and financial barriers. Such access is critical for first-generation, low-income and parenting students, and those struggling with debt and rising tuition. For these students, paying out-of-pocket at a clinic, securing reliable transportation, missing school and taking time off from work are substantial obstacles.

SB 320 will address these barriers by requiring on-campus health centers at public universities to stock FDA-approved medications for abortion. Medication abortion is safe, effective and simple to provide. Furthermore, these health centers are already staffed with nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, and certified nurse midwives who are authorized to dispense the medication.

CWLC's mission is to advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy and education. One of our highest priorities is maintaining access to a wide range of reproductive options for all women in California, regardless of age, ethnicity or income level.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center strongly supports SB 320.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler
Executive Director