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March 15, 2019

The Honorable Connie M. Leyva
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SJR 4 (Leyva) – Support

Dear Senator Leyva,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we write in support of SJR 4, which urges the Trump Administration to rescind the recently enacted Title X regulations that will impede access to essential, time-sensitive health care for low-income individuals across California and the rest of the country.

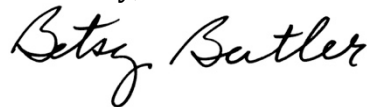
Title X was established by Congress with bi-partisan support in 1970 to aid the delivery of essential reproductive services for low-income and uninsured patients. California has the largest and most diverse Title X provider network in the country, serving more than a quarter of all Title X patients nationwide. Currently, Title X funds are distributed to 366 clinic sites throughout the state, providing low-income individuals access to care in 38 of 58 California counties.

The recently released Title X regulations are harmful and extreme. These regulations will negatively affect care delivered at all Title X-funded health centers in the state by delaying access, denying women information about their health options, disrupting provider-patient relationships, deterring teens from accessing care, and forcing qualified family planning providers to choose between a critical funding source and debilitating regulations. The regulations will disproportionately affect communities of color and reverse the progress in reducing the rate of unintended pregnancies.

CWLC's mission is to break down barriers and advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy and education. For 30 years, CWLC has been on the frontlines fighting for reproductive health and justice. All people, regardless of income, deserve access to basic reproductive health care.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports SJR 4.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler
Executive Director