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The Honorable Eloise Reyes  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2175  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1510 (Reyes) - Support**

Dear Assemblymember Reyes,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we write in support of AB 1510 which will give those sexually assaulted by Dr. George Tyndall the opportunity to pursue their claim in court.

Last year, the Los Angeles Times broke a story about a cover up by the University of Southern California regarding the sexual misconduct by Dr. Tyndall to his patients. Dr. Tyndall was the sole full-time gynecologist employed by the student health center from 1989 to 2018. Since the article was published, hundreds of women have come forward to recount the sexual assault perpetrated by Dr. Tyndall, some cases dating back 30 years.

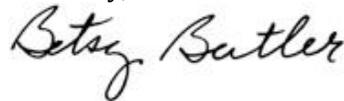
Dr. Tyndall abused his position of trust and authority to sexually assault his patients for three decades. Most of his victims did not fully comprehend that his conduct was not "treatment" but instead sexual assault, and did not realize that their emotional injuries were caused by Dr. Tyndall's misconduct.

Many of these women filed civil lawsuits against Dr. Tyndall and USC for sexual battery and related sexual abuse. However, USC is likely to seek dismissal of these assault claims, claiming the statute of limitations has expired. Because these victims should be granted their day in court, SB 1510 would briefly open up the statute of limitations to within one year of January 1, 2020 in these cases.

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 working to eliminate barriers preventing survivors of sexual assault from pursuing justice.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports AB 1510.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler  
Executive Director