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April 2, 2019

The Honorable Eloise Gomez Reyes
Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee
State Capitol, Room 124
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1434 (Kalra) - Support

Dear Assemblymember Reyes,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we write in support of AB 1434 which will require the state increase its maximum Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) aid payment to an amount that equals 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

SSI/SSP provides basic income to older adults and people with disabilities who have little or no income. Today, SSI/SSP's 1.2 million recipients in California only receive aid maximum up to 90 percent of the federal poverty level. This level of support leaves recipients without sufficient funds to pay for housing and basic necessities, forcing many older Californians or those with disabilities into homelessness.

The program is particularly important for women, who make up 66 percent of aging Californians and 52 percent of individuals with disabilities receiving SSI. With a rapidly aging population and rising income inequality, California's senior population is becoming larger and poorer. AB 1434 will ensure our aging population and people with disabilities are better supported.

CWLC's mission is to break barriers and advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy and education. AB 1434 will help vulnerable Californians access a higher level of the most basic necessities needed to live with dignity.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports AB 1434.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler
Executive Director