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

Re: AB 718 (Eggman) - Support

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center, we write in support of AB 718 which ensures that foster youth are given important documentation and assistance before they exit the foster care program.

In 2012, the extended foster care program was updated to allow foster youth to remain in the program until they turn 21. However, many youth are not given important documents such as their social security card, birth certificate, and driver's license, until they turn 21 and are about to leave the foster program. In order to seek employment, apply for housing, and access higher education opportunities, these young adults need access to these documents well before they turn 21.

AB 718 will restructure the way counties provide these documents and other assistance necessary to obtain employment, apply to college, enroll in financial literacy programs to assist with banking, credit card and student loan debt, credit ratings, and personal savings.

CWLC's mission is to break down barriers and advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy and education. AB 718 will ensure foster youth receive the support they need to become successful and productive Californians.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports AB 718.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler
Executive Director