



March 22, 2018

The Honorable Connie Leyva
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 94249-0043

RE: Support for Senate Bill 320

Dear Senator Leyva:

The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women is pleased to support Senate Bill 320, which would require all health centers within the University of California and California State University systems to stock the drugs prescribed for medication abortion and ready their campus health clinics to provide them by 2022.

Hollywood NOW is a membership organization committed to institutionalizing intersectional gender equity. Our work transgresses over social boundaries and walls built to imprint, reinforce and protect implicit stereotype biases that damage all of us. As a progressive, intersectional feminist organization we advocate for solutions that recognize that individuals face multiple intersecting discriminations/privileges based on race, sex, gender, sexuality and other statuses. We stand to work to eliminate institutional privilege, discrimination, and bias.

SB 320 is a critical step in making sure that young women have equal access to abortion services because it is their constitutional right. This is more than just a woman's issue, but rather a public health issue. Abortion care is a constitutional right and an integral part of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care; it should be just as accessible as Viagra or other services strictly provided to men without pause. This bill is a critical step in removing costly travel expenses and additional burdens that women face when seeking out a legal procedure.

Hollywood NOW strongly supports this important bill that we hope will spark a larger conversation about removing barriers women face when seeking out reproductive health services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (323) 596-7389.

Sincerely,

John Erickson
President,
Hollywood NOW