



September 7, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Signature – SB 320 (Leyva)**

Dear Governor Brown,

The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women is pleased to support Senate Bill 320. This bill will increase access to reproductive health services for students at public universities by providing medication abortion on campus at student health centers.

**Now more than ever, California needs to stand firm on increasing access to abortion.** Currently none of the student health care centers at California's public universities provide medication abortion services, despite how clinically simple the service is to offer. According to the National Academies of Sciences, abortion care in the U.S. is highly safe, effective, and can be offered in a variety of health settings. Students seeking this basic reproductive health care must travel off campus to access abortion care - often with serious logistical and financial barriers.

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.

**SB320 is funded and easily implemented.** SB320 will establish and provide **\$9.6 million dollars to a State Fund**, the *College Student Health Center Sexual and Reproductive Health Preparation Fund*, within the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, that will provide grants of \$200,000 each to all 34 public university student health centers (SHC) to prepare to provide medication abortion and improve methods of pregnancy prevention.



This Fund will ensure that all universities will have the full funding and support necessary to begin providing medication abortion and improve family planning options in their on-campus clinics within three years as set by legislation. California already ensures adequate funding for the provision of medication abortion through Medi-Cal and requirements on private insurance to ensure coverage.

**Students should have all the resources to choose what is best for their lives** – and with this bill will be able to access those resources and make timely decisions. For these reasons, Hollywood NOW strongly urges your signature on SB320 (Leyva).

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

Sincerely,

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President,  
Hollywood NOW

cc: Senator Connie Leyva