



July 24, 2019

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

**RE: SUPPORT SB 24 (Leyva) - College Student Right to Access Act**

Dear Assembly member Gonzalez Fletcher,

The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW) is pleased to support Senate Bill 24. This bill will increase access to reproductive health services for students at public universities by providing medication abortion on campus at student health centers.

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 24 establishes and provides **\$10.3 million dollars** (which has already been raised) 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** 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.

California is the bellwether for reproductive health care legislation and should lead the nation in protecting the academic success of our students. For these reasons, Hollywood NOW strongly supports SB 24.

Sincerely,

John Erickson  
President  
Hollywood NOW

cc: Senator Connie Levya  
Members and Committee Staff, Assembly Appropriations Committee