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March 27, 2016

The Honorable Connie M. Leyva  
Senator, 20<sup>th</sup> District  
State Senate  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Senate Bill 1015 (Leyva) – Support**

Dear Senator Leyva:

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), I am writing in support of SB 1015 which would make permanent the protections given to domestic workers under AB 241. Currently, California law allows for domestic workers, including housekeepers, nannies, and caregivers, to receive basic labor protections through January 2017. SB 1015 would ensure that those labor protections do not expire for these domestic workers.

In California there are 300,000 domestic workers. They do work of the utmost importance, yet before AB 241 was passed, they received wages below the poverty level and were denied basic labor protections. AB 241 offered rights to daily and weekly overtime for domestic workers. This protection allows domestic workers to earn a living wage and honors their hard work. Domestic workers are invaluable for their assistance in the homes of many California families.

Since its founding in 1989, CWLC has worked to break down barriers and advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy, and education. A vital part of our mission is to ensure that women have access to employment protections that will allow them to succeed in the workforce.

The California Women's Law Center strongly supports SB 1015, which will ensure domestic workers keep their well-deserved labor protections.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler  
Executive Director