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Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee
1020 N Street, Room 124
Sacramento, California 95814-1020

Re: AB 60 (Santiago & Gonzalez) – Support

Dear Chairwoman Rubio,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we are writing in support of AB 60, which will ensure children can remain in child care for as long as their families need it, allowing parents to continue working. By relaxing the unrealistic reporting rules currently in place and bringing California into compliance with federal law, AB 60 will promote stability for California's children and families.

Currently, federal law requires states to implement policies to promote stable child care assistance. California is not in compliance with this federal law. Presently, California law enforces strict reporting and income requirements to establish child care assistance eligibility. Because California has no gradual phase out, when families earn more than the eligible 70% of the State Median Income, a standard based on income data from a decade ago, they are terminated from the program.

CWLC recognizes the need for stable child care to ensure a child's development and the importance of financial stability for eligible California families. Consistency in child care is critical to a parent's ability to work and improve their job prospects and earning potential. Continuity of care creates the stability necessary for a child's healthy development.

CWLC's mission is to advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy, and education. We recognize the importance of ensuring stability for eligible California families and promoting the healthy development of children.

The California Women's Law Center supports AB 60, which will remove unjust reporting rules that disrupt much needed continuity in child care and put both child and parent at risk.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler
Executive Director