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May 10, 2018

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 4203
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 926 (Skinner) – Support

Dear Senator Lara,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we write in support of SB 926, which ensures that low-income workers who leave their job because of a violation of their workplace rights are not subject to "voluntary quit" rules in the CalFresh or CalWORKS program.

Remedies for workplace violations can be difficult for low-income workers to access due to legal, financial, and language barriers. Meanwhile, current state law allows a county to deny a person from receiving CalFresh or CalWORKs aid for three months if they voluntarily leave employment. There is no specific exemption from this rule if a worker left their job because their rights were violated. SB 926 would require counties to exempt people from the "voluntary quit" limitation on aid if they left their job due to workers' rights violations. This bill would also require counties provide information to low-income workers about how to file a complaint for workplace violations.

CWLC's mission is to advance the potential of women and girls through transformative litigation, policy advocacy, and education. For nearly 30 years, we have been on the frontlines advocating for the rights of low-income women and families and working to eradicate workplace discrimination in all forms.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center supports SB 926.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler
Executive Director