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September 4, 2018

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

**Re: AB 60 (Santiago) – Urge Signature**

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), we write to urge your signature on Assembly Bill 60, which ensures that families receiving child care through CalWORKs have continuity and stability in care by streamlining the process between the various application stages.

Introduced last year and enacted through the Budget Act of 2017, AB 60 guaranteed at least 12 months of continuous affordable child care for eligible families and has provided stability for many families, eliminating the burdensome paperwork requirements that caused families to lose their care. But working families still face unnecessary disruptions in child care as they transition through CalWORKs child care stages, forcing them to forego or limit their work hours and struggle to pay for child care they cannot afford.

AB 60, as updated, ensures that families will not experience an unnecessary break in services by requiring counties share their data via the Statewide Automated Welfare System database. Consistency in child care is critical to a parent's ability to work and improve their job prospects and earning potential. And, continuity of care creates the stability necessary for a child's healthy development. The technological solution contained in AB 60 will ensure that child care is not interrupted during the CalWORKs child care transfer process.

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 California families and promoting the healthy development of children.

For these reasons, the California Women's Law Center urges your signature on AB 60.

Sincerely,



Betsy Butler  
Executive Director