

September 21, 2015

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor
State Capitol Building
Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to express our strong support for A.B.775, the Reproductive FACT Act. As national organizations that advocate for reproductive health, rights, and justice, we are looking to California to continue its leadership in this area. In light of the unprecedented attacks on women's reproductive rights at both the state and federal levels, the enactment of pro-choice legislation that helps protect reproductive freedom is of vital, outsize national importance.

The Reproductive FACT Act will ensure Californians have complete and accurate information about the reproductive-health-care services available to them, including information about contraception, prenatal care, family planning, and abortion. It will also ensure women know whether a facility offering pregnancy-related information is licensed by the state. For far too long, anti-choice crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) have used misleading tactics to lure women in to their centers where they intentionally misinform women with long-debunked myths about family planning and abortion. Regardless of one's opinion on abortion, no woman seeking medical care should be shamed or lied to; let's start holding CPCs accountable in California.

California has a long legacy of respecting the reproductive freedom of women – the California constitution guarantees a women's right to choose and the state funds forward-thinking programs that support essential reproductive-health care for California women – but these rights are only fully realized when women are aware of them. Once enacted, this legislation will ensure that women have the information they need to make an informed medical decision about what is best for themselves and their families.

As we fight to stop many states from rolling back women's access to abortion services, California has charged forward in fiercely protecting the rights of women in the state. As governor, we look forward to your leadership in demonstrating California respects the dignity and autonomy of women. On behalf of women across the nation, we urge you to sign A.B.775 into law.

Signed,

NARAL Pro-Choice America
American Association of University Women
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
Catholics for Choice
Center for Reproductive Rights
Civil Liberties and Public Policy
Methodist Federation for Social Action
National Abortion Federation
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Council of Jewish Women
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National Network of Abortion Funds
National Organization for Women
National Women's Health Network
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Population Connection Action Fund
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)
UltraViolet
Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity (URGE)
Women's League for Conservative Judaism