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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of SB 24 (Leyva)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Senate Bill 24, which requires, beginning January 1, 2023, each public university student health center to offer abortion by medication techniques, and requires the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls to administer the fund for this purpose, to be continuously appropriated.

This bill is unnecessary. Nearly all UC and CSU campuses are located in urban and suburban areas, with close access to clinics performing abortion procedures and pharmacies with abortifacients. According to a study conducted by the UCSF Medical School Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH), the average distance from a UC or CSU campus to the nearest chemical abortion provider is 5.4 miles, indicating the need for these services on campus are illusory, at best. Finally, no campus student health center has the ability to perform aspiration or surgical abortion in case of failed abortion by medication, or to deal with potential life-threatening emergencies arising from complications.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader