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Senator Nancy Skinner
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Senate Bill 345
SUPPORT

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 345 (Skinner).

During the last two years, several states have passed egregious laws banning or criminalizing abortion and gender-affirming care. In the wake of the Supreme Court's decision last year to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, California strengthened access to abortion and reproductive health care. However, other states continue to seek legal tools to punish their residents who come to CA for medical care, as well as the CA-based medical professionals who treat them.

SB 345 builds upon the State's efforts to shield health care professionals, patients, and their family and friends who assist out-of-state residents seeking care in this state from unnecessary legal consequences under another state's laws for conduct that is legal in CA. To that end, this bill proposes to enact various safeguards against the enforcement of other states' laws that prohibit, criminalize, sanction, authorize civil liability against, or otherwise interfere with a person, provider, or other entity in California that offers reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services. SB 345 would also prohibit bounty hunters from taking into custody a bail fugitive whose alleged offense or conviction is for the violation of another state's laws that criminalize abortion, contraception, reproductive care, or gender-affirming care that is otherwise lawful under the laws of this state.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamar Tokat in our Legislative Office at 916-442-0668.

Very Truly Yours,

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