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The Honorable Connie Leyva  
Chair of the Senate Education Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2083  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT SB 24 (Leyva) - College Student Right to Access Act**

Dear Senator Leyva,

The American Medical Women's Association is pleased to support Senate Bill 24. This bill will increase access to reproductive health services for students by providing medication abortion at student health centers at public universities. Abortion care is a constitutional right and an essential part of basic reproductive health care.

**Currently none of the student health care centers at California's public institutions of higher education provide medication abortion services, despite how clinically simple and safe the service is to offer.** Students seeking this basic health care must travel off campus to access it - often with serious logistical and financial barriers. Over half of all UC and CSU students qualify for Pell Grants. For low income students especially, paying out-of-pocket at a clinic, securing reliable transportation, missing school and work to determine their options and access timely care are huge obstacles.

California remains the bellwether for reproductive health care legislation and must continue to lead the nation in protecting the academic success and well-being of our students. For these reasons, American Medical Women's Association strongly supports SB 24.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norma Jo Waxman'.

Norma Jo Waxman, MD, Co-Chair Advocacy Committee  
American Medical Women's Association

cc: Members and Committee Staff, Senate Health Committee

