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Letter of Opposition to SB 24 for the Assembly Health Committee

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Dear Assembly Health Committee Members,



Jessica was a student at Sac State, pregnant, and in crisis. She had already had one abortion and didn't want to go through that painful experience again. She was scared. How could she finish her classes? Where would she live? How would she keep her job and pay her bills? She reluctantly considered abortion. Fortunately, Jessica found the resources and support she needed to choose life for her baby. Jessica graduated from Sac State with Stephaun at her side, went on to earn her Master's Degree, married, and has a second son. **See the Channel 13 News Report** <http://cbsloc.al/2CU0Jhz>

We need to empower students like Jessica to reach their goals, without having to kill their child. In no other circumstance does Healthcare involved intentionally, deliberately ending a human life. Members of the Assembly Health Committee, we urge you to vote NO on SB 24 for these reasons:

1. The Chemical Abortion Pill Misoprostol kills a human life and is dangerous on campus. KTLA reported that a boyfriend crushed the abortion pills and added them to a drink he secretly gave to his pregnant girlfriend, causing her to miscarry her baby boy at 17 weeks of pregnancy. The boyfriend was sentenced to three years in prison for the [“premeditated killing of a fetus”](http://ktla.com/2017/12/14/doctor-accused-ofspiking-pregnant-girlfriends-tea-with-abortion-pill/). We do not want these dangerous killing pills on campus, which also increases liability and risk for the universities. <http://ktla.com/2017/12/14/doctor-accused-ofspiking-pregnant-girlfriends-tea-with-abortion-pill/> *“When I was drinking my tea in the evening, I got to the bottom of the cup, there was a gritty substance in there. And when I looked at it, I could tell that it was a pill that had been ground up.” A few hours later, Brooke started having contractions. She was rushed to the hospital, where she went into labor and lost her baby boy. Tests showed the abortion pill Misoprostol was found in her system.*

2. With the recent Department of Health and Human Services policy on workplace employee conscience protection, this bill may be a very costly mandate. Californians, including student health clinic workers, increasingly understand the biology of human development and want nothing to do with this killing. The movie Unplanned shows the reality of Chemical Abortion. Will pro-life employees be forced to leave the university or be given the “Do Not Apply” message when seeking employment? When asked about this in the Assembly Health Committee, Senator Leyva responded, *“The folks who work in the health care center don't have to work there if they don't want to. If they don't want to administer it, they would not be hired...”*



3. **There is no lack of access to Chemical Abortion.** On average, there is a Chemical Abortion provider within 6 miles of every UC and CSU campus.

According to Kim LaPean, spokesperson for the UC Berkeley Health Services, **“There are four facilities within four miles of the UC Berkeley campus that provide abortion pills”**

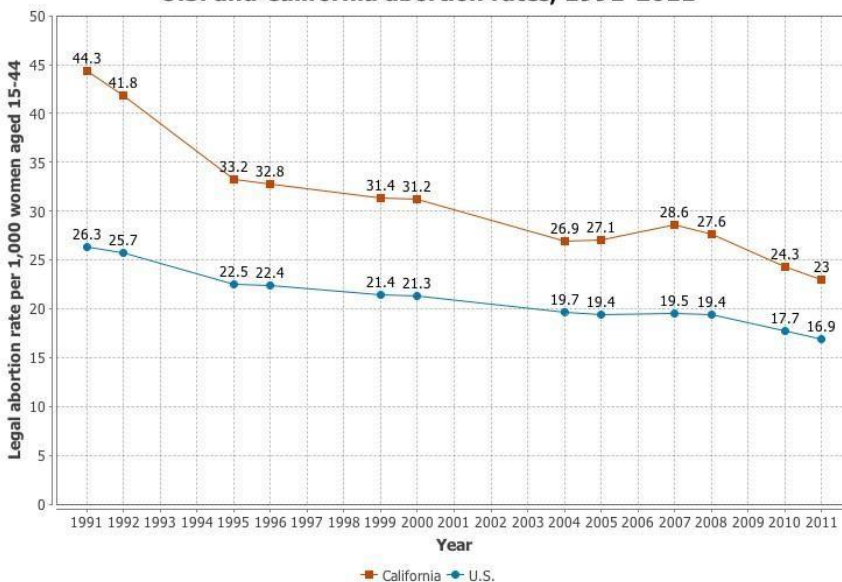
FACT: The average distance from UC/CSU campus to the nearest Chemical Abortion provider is only 5.97 miles.

University	Distance to nearest Chemical Abortion	Nearest Chemical Abortion Provider
CSU Bakersfield	5.8 miles	Planned Parenthood Bakersfield
CSU Cal Maritime	2.8 miles	Planned Parenthood Vallejo
CSU Channel Islands	10.0 miles	Planned Parenthood Thousand Oaks
CSU Chico	3.5 miles	Planned Parenthood Chico
CSU Dominguez Hills	7.6 miles	Planned Parenthood South Bay Lawndale
CSU East Bay	2.3 miles	Planned Parenthood Hayward
CSU Fresno	1.9 miles	Planned Parenthood Fresno
CSU Fullerton	5.3 miles	Planned Parenthood Anaheim
CSU Humboldt	9.9 miles	Planned Parenthood Eureka
CSU Long Beach	6.9 miles	Planned Parenthood Long Beach
CSU Los Angeles	8.4 miles	Planned Parenthood Hollywood
CSU Monterey Bay	4.5 miles	Planned Parenthood Seaside
CSU Northridge	5.9 miles	Planned Parenthood Canoga Park
CSU Cal Poly Pomona	4.9 miles	Planned Parenthood Pomona
CSU Sacramento	3.2 miles	Planned Parenthood Sacramento
CSU San Bernardino	11.1 miles	Planned Parenthood San Bernardino
CSU San Diego	1.4 miles	Planned Parenthood College Avenue
CSU San Francisco	5.4 miles	Planned Parenthood San Francisco
CSU San Jose	4.5 miles	Planned Parenthood San Jose
CSU Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	1.7 miles	Planned Parenthood San Luis Obispo
CSU San Marcos	4.1 miles	Planned Parenthood Escondido
CSU Sonoma	8.2 miles	Planned Parenthood Santa Rosa
CSU Stanislaus	15.3 miles	Planned Parenthood Modesto
UC Berkeley	3.5 miles	Planned Parenthood El Cerrito
UC Davis	11.8 miles	Planned Parenthood Woodland
UC Irvine	6.7 miles	Planned Parenthood Costa Mesa
UCLA	5.6 miles	Planned Parenthood Santa Monica
UC Merced	5.6 miles	Planned Parenthood Merced
UC Riverside	6.5 miles	Planned Parenthood Riverside
UC San Diego	6.2 miles	Planned Parenthood Mission Bay
UC San Francisco	3.4 miles	Planned Parenthood San Francisco
UC Santa Barbara	10.7 miles	Planned Parenthood Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz	3.3 miles	Planned Parenthood Westside

California abortion numbers are at a historic low, dropping 27% since 2008, according the Sacramento Bee. With declining demand for abortion, we do not need to force our university health centers to become abortion clinics.

With such a decline in demand for abortion, why is a mandate needed?

U.S. and California abortion rates, 1991-2011



4. Instead of adding another burdensome mandate upon our public universities, why not place this mandate upon largely government funded Planned Parenthood, which has well over \$50 million dollars in “Revenue in Excess of Expenses” in 2018. If the bill proponents feel they need to increase abortion access, then their concerns should be directed towards Planned Parenthood, not by creating burdensome legislative mandates on our already over-budget university systems with rising tuition. So much for “choice”.

For the Health Committee, Chemical Abortion is especially painful and traumatic for women. If getting back to class is a genuine concern, the Chemical Abortion experience is not recommended, as it may take days, even weeks of unpredictable and extensive bleeding. During the Chemical Abortion,

women are much more aware of the pain and visual reality of the abortion process, which may require days to complete. The Chemical Abortion Pill label warns of heavy bleeding, **defined as soaking through two full-size sanitary pads per hour and/or passing blood clots larger than the size of a lemon.** Other symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever which can be a sign of serious infection, an ectopic pregnancy or incomplete expulsion of the dead fetus. See the attached personal testimony of a woman’s Chemical Abortion. Imagine this painful experience happening in the dorm toilet late at night with no one to call for help! Lawsuits will certainly take place, adding more expenses to the universities. Will the “Readiness Fund” cover malpractice insurance and law suit settlements?

Planned Parenthood Affiliate	2013-14 #Patient Visits	2018 #Patient Visits	Percent Change in #Patient Visits/Year over the last 5 years	2013-14 #Abortions	2018 #Abortions	Change in #Abortions/Year 2013 vs. 2018	Revenue in Excess of Expenses for 2018
Mar Monte	461,849	356,436	↓ -23% fewer	18,169	18,111	-3%	\$2.3 million
Los Angeles	270,600	237,700	↓ -12% fewer	12,718	14,766	↑ +16% more abortions	\$7.8 million
Northern California	201,000	173,923	↓ -13% fewer	6,030	3,478	-42%	\$15.8 million
Central Coast	54,968 last year	58,544	+ 6%	No Annual Report Available	3,350		\$3.3 million
Pasadena San Gabriel Valley	47,819	60,707	+ 27%	956	No mention of abortion in report		\$5.8 million
Pacific Southwest	276,648	263,125	↓ -5% fewer	13,932	16,624	↑ +19% more abortions	\$7.3 million
Orange & San Bernardino	171,832	205,821	+20%	8,591	9,228	↑ +7% more abortions	\$8.2 million
Totals	1,484,716	1,356,256	↓ -9% fewer patient visits in five years	61,430 abortions (w/o CC or PSGV)	62,207 abortions (w/o CC or PSGV)	↑ 1% more abortions, while state is at lowest since 1973	For 2018: \$50.5 million dollars Revenue in Excess of Expenditures. Compare to \$11.3 million in excess revenue for 2017!

Since approving the Chemical Abortion drug mifepristone in 2000, the FDA reports:

- More than 4,000 women have had serious “adverse events”.
- More than 1,000 women have required hospitalization.
- 598 women have experienced blood loss so severe they required transfusions.
- 22 women died after using the Chemical Abortion Pill.

SB 24 funding language remains unclear. There needs to be a specific PROHIBITION against the use of state general funds, university funds, and student fees for this abortion expansion effort. *Section 99251 of the bill states: (6) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted as requiring a public university to utilize General Fund moneys or student fees for medication abortion readiness before January 1, 2023.* The important question is, what happens after January 1st, 2023? Both UC and CSU indicate this bill “may require additional onetime General Fund or student fees to cover start-up costs” and estimate ongoing General Fund or student fee cost pressures “as high as millions of dollars systemwide” each year. **At 500 abortions estimated per month and a projected average cost of \$500 per abortion, that is \$250,000 of on-going costs per month, or over \$3 million each year.**

Vote NO on SB 24. Pregnant students need affordable housing so that they can parent, on-campus childcare, flexible scheduling, and support, not more abortions. Our universities are intended to be a place of Higher Education, not an abortion clinic. This is not even a pro-choice bill, but exclusively a pro-abortion effort which does nothing to help pregnant students on campus find the comprehensive resources they need in order to have real choices, real options, other than abortion, abortion, and more abortion. **Chemical Abortion destroys a human life and hurts women for a lifetime. Killing is not healthcare. For the sake of university healthcare providers who do not want to participate in killing a human life, we urge you to vote NO on SB 24.**



I was 23 years old, a volunteer at Planned Parenthood and a college student. I didn't want a baby so I had a solution...abortion. Instead of a surgical abortion, I thought I would choose a more "natural" way to abort...the medication abortion. It was all pills and seemed really simple. Everything was done at home. It was private, on your schedule, under your control and seemed less invasive. "Nothing worse than a heavy period," according to Planned Parenthood. They gave me Mifeprex and pills to take home. The next day, I took the 4 pills called Misoprostol, that would start my bleeding and cramping...but "nothing a few Ibuprofen couldn't take care of". Ten minutes later, I started to feel pain in my abdomen unlike anything I had ever experienced.

Then the blood came. It was gushing out of me. I couldn't wear a pad...nothing was able to absorb the amount of blood I was losing. The only thing I could do was sit on the toilet. I sat there for hours...bleeding, throwing up into the bathroom trashcan, crying and sweating.

Sitting in a Tub of Blood. I had vomit all in my hair and on my legs. The cramps kept coming. I opened my eyes after 15 minutes and was horrified. My bathwater was bright red. It looked like I was sitting in the middle of a crime scene. And I guess it was...I had murdered my child

Excruciating Pain, Heavy Bleeding & Blood Clots the Size of Lemons. I felt a pain worse than any other I had experienced. Then I felt a release...and a splash in the water that was draining beneath me. A blood clot the size of a lemon had fallen into my bath water. Was that my baby? I knew this huge clot was not going to go down the drain, so I reached down to pick it up. I was able to grasp the large clot with both hands and move it to the toilet. Another lemon sized blood clot. Then another. And another. I thought I was dying.

This couldn't be normal. Planned Parenthood didn't ever tell me this could happen. I had been in the bathroom for 12 hours. The bleeding was heavy. And the clots were still coming. So, I decided to sleep on the bathroom floor that night...right by the toilet.

Was This a Normal Experience? The next morning, I called Planned Parenthood. The nurse told me, that was "normal". WHAT?? She could not be serious. All of the bleeding, the clotting, the pain...that was NORMAL??? How could they not tell me the side effects? I felt betrayed. Eight weeks passed. Eight weeks of blood clots. Eight weeks of nausea. Eight weeks of excruciating cramps. Eight weeks of heavy bleeding.

Chemical Abortion Pills – The Scare of Isis' Life By the 5th hour I got up out of bed feeling like I was on 10 different drugs... **"I was in pain... not just cramps, but utter exhausting pain. My whole body felt wobbly and drained. I've never felt this before and I believed in that moment I would die!"** My body couldn't handle it anymore and I doubled over and hit my head on the corner of the sink. I was slowly slipping out of consciousness so I felt nothing when I hit my head. Next, I knew I woke up on the bathroom floor, still drowsy and barely able to walk. **"I looked into the toilet bowl and I saw a huge blood clot ... NOT the size of a lemon, but the size of a soft ball!"** I flushed the toilet and the worse came. "I stumbled to the bed room and my vision became darker and very soon I was blind. Yes, I was blind and **more scared than I've ever been in my whole life!**" I am writing this story two days after this whole ordeal. **"I would not recommend this pill to my worst enemy and I urge other young women to make more informed choices."**

Kay's pro-choice position and Planned Parenthood Chemical Abortion experience:

"I want to start my story by stating that I am pro-choice. I firmly support a women's right to privacy in areas affecting her health." This is not an anti-abortion rant. Rather, it is the true story of my own experience..."

Bleeding for Weeks – Embarrassment – Depression. I [bled for the next five weeks](#). About a month later, I was getting out of my car. I felt a gush. Shocked, I thought I had somehow peed my pants. When I stood up, the seat of the car was covered in blood. **There was blood everywhere- on the seat, on the floor of the car, on the back of my skirt, down my legs (and completely soaked through the Planned Parenthood recommended mega-pad).**

**This is not an experience we want to mandate on university campuses.
Vote NO on SB 24. See more at AbortionPillRisks.org**