



Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

January 9, 2017

The Honorable Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer Sr.
Co-Chair, Assembly Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
State Capitol, Room 2117
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Stone
Co-Chair, Assembly Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: STRONG SUPPORT -- XAVIER BECERRA FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Chair Jones-Sawyer and Chair Stone,

On behalf of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) and our 115 health centers that our affiliates operate, we stand in strong support of confirming Rep. Xavier Becerra as the next Attorney General of California. His longstanding record of defending Planned Parenthood and the patients we serve makes him an ideal candidate for Attorney General.

During his tenure in the United States Congress, Rep. Becerra was a champion of reproductive justice and women's rights. In 2016, Rep. Becerra earned a 100% voting record with Planned Parenthood Action Fund by opposing numerous congressional actions to curtail the rights of women and rip away funding for women's health care.¹ In 2015, Rep. Becerra stood with Planned Parenthood and condemned the unfounded witch hunt waged by anti-choice members of Congress against our organization, our patients, and our health care providers.²

The next Attorney General must continue to prioritize the health of all Californians, and must be ready to thwart any attempts to weaken or vilify the greatly needed services Planned Parenthood provides. Rep. Becerra understands that Planned Parenthood provides lifesaving health services to approximately 850,000 Californians annually—services that are vital to the health of our state and cannot be replicated elsewhere.

The President-Elect and the majority party of newly elected Congress pose some of the greatest threats to reproductive healthcare that our country and organization have ever seen. The State of California and

¹ Source: <https://becerra.house.gov/press-releases/chairman-becerra-republicans-showed-today-they-will-stop-at-nothing-to-rip-away-lifesaving-funding-for-womens-health/>

² Source: <https://becerra.house.gov/press-releases/chairman-becerra-at-beginning-of-womens-history-month-its-ironic-that-house-gop-still-attacks-womens-rights-pursues-planned-parenthood-witch-hunt/>

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Planned Parenthood need an Attorney General who is committed to challenging any federal attempts to defund or dismantle Planned Parenthood, potentially leaving hundreds of thousands of Californians without care.

For these reasons, PPAC commends the appointment of Rep. Becerra and we respectfully request the Legislature to confirm his appointment as Attorney General for the State of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory Cramer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregory" and last name "Cramer" clearly distinguishable.

Gregory Cramer

Legislative Advocate, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

cc: The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Governor of the State of California
 The Honorable Congressman Xavier Becerra
 The Honorable Kevin De León, President Pro Tem of the California Senate
 The Honorable Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the Assembly
 Members of the Assembly Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
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 Gabrielle Zeps, Consultant, Assembly Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General