

**\*\*FLOOR ALERT\*\***

**To:** Members of the California Legislature

**From:** Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

**Date:** June 12, 2014

**RE:** **TABLE ANTI-CHOICE BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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On behalf of the more than 110 Planned Parenthood health centers throughout California, we urge you to defeat all anti-choice amendments offered to the budget trailer bills.

- California is a pro-choice state; in fact the vast majority (71%) of Californians consider themselves to be pro-choice and reject any further restrictions on abortion.\*
- In *American Academy of Pediatrics v. Lungren (1997)*, the California Supreme Court ruled in that minors have a constitutionally protected right to privacy and that it is unconstitutional to require a minor have parental consent prior to obtaining an abortion.
- The California Supreme Court ruled in *Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights v. Myers (1981)* that budget restrictions on Medi-Cal abortion funding are unconstitutional and violate privacy and equal protection provisions in the state constitution.
- Bans or restrictions on abortion infringe upon the doctor – patient relationship; determinations about about appropriate medical procedures should be left to medical professionals.
- Amendments to impose special restrictions on abortion are intended to create barriers on women from seeking safe, legal abortions. Restrictions like mandated waiting periods, sex selection abortion bans, required ultrasounds, or those that apply only to abortion providers, facilities or drugs do not improve or protect women's health, they simply limit access to reproductive health care.

**We respectfully request your vote to TABLE any hostile anti-choice amendments.**

\*Field Poll, released July 21, 2010

**Votes on any budget amendments to restrict abortion access  
may be included on the PPAC Legislative Scorecard.**