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Please submit by **May 19th at 12pm** through the legislative online portal <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/> and **email copies** of your letter of support to Jeanine Erikat jeanine@panasd.org

To: Assembly Member Chris R. Holden, Chair of the Appropriations Committee

RE: AB 2320 (Garcia) – Support

DATE: **[Insert Date]**

[Name of your organization] strongly supports **Assembly Bill 2320, The Reproductive Health Clinic Initiative for Innovative Care (RH CLINIC) Bill**. We support the request for a one-time allocation of \$12 million over four years, to establish the Reproductive Health Clinic Initiative for Innovative Care (RH CLINIC) Pilot Program and fund urgent capacity-building in California's primary care clinics. The RH CLINIC Pilot Program will invest in licensed CHCs across five regions in California (rural north, urban north, central, rural south, and urban south) to make vital improvements to reproductive healthcare delivery for historically marginalized patients, including those who are BIPOC, LGBTQ+, immigrants, residents of rural areas, and survivors of violence.

[A few sentences about your organization]

California is the most populous and most diverse state in the U.S., with CHCs uniquely positioned as access points that provide essential clinical services for community members. Many primary care clinics do not have adequate resources to address the intersecting identities and complex needs of their patients, and this can impact community health. Despite the declaration of California as a "Reproductive Freedom State," persistent gaps in service and chronic under-resourcing of our primary care clinics continue to burden patients and providers.

According to a [case study in rural Tulare County](#), cultural stigma, language access and the prevalence of domestic violence significantly impact patient healthcare access. The same study went on to identify that case management, wraparound services, and training for healthcare staff could significantly improve care for patients from historically marginalized populations. Restrictions to reproductive healthcare access on a federal, state, and local level continue to impact Californians. According to the [California Future of Abortion Council Report](#), California must address systemic barriers to accessing clinical care by improving culturally-responsive care and wraparound services in primary care clinics.

The RH CLINIC Pilot Program directly addresses these barriers to care and sets a precedent of care for the nation by empowering primary care clinicians and staff to tailor their reproductive healthcare services to the communities they serve, with direct focus on projects that have been identified by researchers, clinic staff, and patients as the most urgent in addressing barriers to care. Primary care clinics will use funds to initiate and sustain innovative care in at least one of the following areas:

- **Trainings on Reproductive Justice and Trauma-Informed Care** that address full-staff capacity to serve historically marginalized patients, including people of color, people who are LGBTQIA+, people who have low-English proficiency, and survivors of domestic and sexual violence
- **Improved Translation Services** for Limited English Proficient (LEP) patients, especially patients who do not speak threshold languages in California
- **Wraparound care services and community partnerships** to serve patients who are impacted by systemic health equity issues (i.e., domestic violence, houselessness, limited transportation)

The RH CLINIC Pilot Program is a critical investment in the greater effort to protect the health and wellbeing of Californians, especially as more communities face socioeconomic barriers to care. By investing in initiatives that directly address these barriers to care, this bill can [save thousands of lives each year](#) and could [save the state billions of dollars](#) in future healthcare spending.

For these reasons, **[Name of your organization]** respectfully asks for your **AYE vote on AB 2320. Join us as we improve access to quality reproductive health care for Californians across our great state!**

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

[sign name here]

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