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Senate Judiciary Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 3240  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Letter in Opposition: SB 1131**

Dear Senator Thomas J. Umberg,

On behalf of the Right to Life League, I urge you to vote NO on SB 1131.

SB 1131 creates a special class of citizens entitled to special confidentiality under the law. It will amend current law to carve out a special right to enroll in the Safe At Home program for both election workers and anyone who seeks an abortion, or works or volunteers at an abortion facility if they are “fearful for their health or safety, or their families’ health or safety because of their affiliation with a reproductive health care services facility.”

The applicant must make a nominal showing that the abortion facility “or any of its providers, employees, volunteers, or patients is or was the target of threats or acts of violence within one year of the date of the application.”

This is an overbroad period that conflicts with already established criminal law by failing to include an objective test, such as a reasonable person standard, to evaluate whether the speaker intends to act on the “threat” against the facility. Such a definition may include sarcasm or protected First Amendment activities such as peaceful protests, picketing, opinionated speech or unfavorable news coverage for that matter.

SB 1131 is also unnecessary. The crime of assault is already defined and illegal under California Penal Code Section 240 as an “attempt . . . to commit a violent injury on the person of another . . .” SB 1131 “target of threats” language expands, confuses and conflicts with this definition.

Importantly, protection of the public to be free from intimidation or other threats is already covered by numerous penal code sections. *See* California Penal Code §§ 241, 242, 422, 422.6, 423.2, 646.9, etc.

For these reasons we oppose SB 1131.

Very Truly Yours,



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