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## **CA Legislative Women's Caucus Applauds Selection of Laphonza Butler to be CA's New U.S. Senator**

SACRAMENTO – California Legislative Women's Caucus Chair Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley) and Vice Chair Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) today applauded Gov. Gavin Newsom's selection of Laphonza Butler to be California's new U.S. senator, replacing the late Dianne Feinstein.

"We commend Gov. Newsom for his choice of Laphonza Butler to be California's new U.S. Senator, filling out the remaining term of the legendary Sen. Feinstein. Dianne Feinstein was a true trailblazer for women in politics, and so it's fitting that her successor, Laphonza Butler, will also break barriers as the first out woman of color to serve in either house, Senate or Congress. For now, Butler will also be the only Black woman U.S. Senator and the first openly LGBTQ person to represent California in the Senate.

"For the past few years, Butler has been a brilliant leader of Emily's List, the nation's largest political action committee promoting women into elected office. She was also the first mother and woman of color to be president of the pro-choice organization.

"As a mom and former labor leader, who headed up California's largest union, SEIU Local 2015, representing hundreds of thousands of long-term care workers, Butler is a steadfast champion of women and girls and working-class families. She's an excellent choice to represent California in Washington, D.C., and we're confident that she will not only fiercely protect the rights of women and girls but also help build a better nation for all."

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