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CA Legislative Women's Caucus Celebrates Senate Approval of Constitutional Amendment on Abortion, Reproductive Rights

SACRAMENTO – California Legislative Women's Caucus Chair Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) and Vice Chair Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley) released the following joint statement regarding the California State Senate's passage of Senate Constitutional Amendment 10 by President pro Tempore Toni Atkins:

"For California to truly be a national beacon for reproductive freedom, the fundamental right to an abortion and contraception must be explicitly enshrined in our state constitution. We commend Pro Tem Atkins for leading on this issue. With the Supreme Court majority showing willingness to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the time to act is now," said Assemblywoman Garcia and Senator Skinner.

"The Women's Caucus welcomes this step toward guaranteed bodily autonomy and is confident that the voters of California will ensure that the right to an abortion is given state constitutional protection when this measure comes to the ballot."

The U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering a Mississippi law banning abortion procedures after 15 weeks in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This marks the first time the court will rule on the constitutionality of a pre-viability abortion ban since *Roe v. Wade*.

Assemblywoman Garcia, Senator Skinner, and other members of the Women's Caucus have responded to the nationwide threat to reproductive rights with a package of bills that will expand access to reproductive services as well as provide legal protections for those who seek or provide abortion services. The bills were developed in collaboration with the Future of Abortion Council and all [14 bills are a priority for the Women's Caucus for the 2022 legislative session.](#)

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