



May 17, 2019

Regents of the University of California
Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Regents
1111 Franklin St., 12th Floor
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Regents:

We, the Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, write to express our serious concerns with the potential expansion of a partnership between University of California (UC), San Francisco and Dignity Health. As you know, Dignity Health currently imposes religious restrictions on the care provided to its patients. By not providing critical care, these religious restrictions can place the lives of women and LGBTQ persons at risk.

With states like Alabama and Missouri, among others, advancing legislation that greatly restricts women's access to reproductive health, it is vital that California continues to stand strongly in support of women and their healthcare. Moreover, it is important that all members of the LGBTQ community are able to access critical health care services.

The Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus urges the UC Board of Regents to ensure that any potential contract between our publicly funded universities and facilities and/or providers offer healthcare services that meet all requirements under California state law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Connie M. Leyva'.

Connie M. Leyva, Chair
State Senator, 20th District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Monique Limón'.

Monique Limón, Vice Chair
Assemblymember, 37th District

cc: Mark Laret, President and CEO of UCSF Health
Janet Napolitano, President of the University of California