

March 30, 2026

The Honorable Jacqui Irwin  
California State Assembly, District 42  
1021 O Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Assembly Member Irwin:

On behalf of tens of thousands of constituents, allied organizations, and more than 2,000 churches across California, California Family Council strongly **opposes** AB 2531.

AB 2531 proposes modifications to California's state-operated abortion services website, yet the specific content changes have not been made available for public review. Legislation that directs the content of a state government health platform — one that reaches vulnerable Californians — should be subject to full transparency before any vote is taken. Advancing this bill without disclosure of its substantive provisions denies the public and stakeholders a meaningful opportunity for input, undermining basic principles of accountable governance.

### **Misdirecting Vulnerable Individuals**

State health websites carry an implicit authority. When the government curates information about medical procedures, citizens reasonably expect that information to be comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased. If AB 2531 directs the state website to promote abortion services without equally presenting alternatives — including adoption, pregnancy resource centers, and community support programs — it fails that standard. Research consistently shows that women facing unintended pregnancies benefit from full information about all available options, and that many who choose alternatives to abortion report greater long-term psychological well-being.

### **Risk to Vulnerable Populations, Including Veterans**

California is home to one of the nation's largest veteran populations. Veterans — particularly women veterans — face elevated rates of trauma, mental health challenges, and crisis pregnancies. Directing this demographic toward abortion services through a state-run platform, without ensuring robust referrals to comprehensive support services, risks compounding harm rather than alleviating it. Policy promoting abortion as a default pathway puts these already-vulnerable individuals at greater risk rather than offering them the holistic care they deserve.

### **State Promotion of Abortion Contradicts Existing Conscience Protections**

California law recognizes conscience protections for healthcare providers who decline to participate in abortion procedures. A state website that functions as a promotional vehicle for abortion services creates tension with those protections by using public resources — funded by taxpayers who conscientiously object to abortion — to actively direct patients toward the procedure. This represents a misuse of government infrastructure and an affront to the conscience rights of millions of Californians.

Abortion is not the only answer to a crisis pregnancy — and for many women, it is the option they later most regret. California currently funds and licenses dozens of comprehensive women's

health organizations and pregnancy resource centers that offer prenatal care, material assistance, counseling, and adoption services. Any state health platform touching reproductive decisions should be legally required to present these alternatives with equal prominence. AB 2531, as structured, gives no assurance it will do so.

When the state directs individuals to specific medical services through an official platform, it assumes a degree of moral and legal responsibility for outcomes. Chemical abortion protocols — including medication regimens now promoted for at-home use — carry documented risks, including hemorrhage, infection, and incomplete abortion requiring surgical intervention.<sup>1</sup> A state website that funnels users toward these procedures without adequate informed-consent disclosures exposes California to significant liability and, more importantly, to real harm visited upon real women.

Until the content of AB 2531's proposed website changes is made fully public and subject to transparent review, no responsible legislature should advance this bill. We urge you to pause this legislation and ensure that any state-operated abortion information platform is required to present comprehensive, balanced, and medically accurate information — including all alternatives.

For these reasons, California Family Council respectfully **opposes** AB 2531.

Respectfully,



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**References**

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Food and Drug Administration, "Mifeprex (mifepristone) Information," *FDA.gov*, updated 2023.  
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