

September 1, 2022

VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of the State of California 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1375 (Atkins) – Nursing: nurse practitioners – REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature on SB 1375 (Atkins), that would allow past experience with aspiration type procedures for abortions to meet the minimum standards set by the Board of Registered Nurses (BRN) for postgraduate transition to independent practice (TTP).

This bill would correct the current law that does not credit previously acquired training and experience in the minimums set by BRN. Currently, those with sufficient experience must acquire an additional three years of experience under a physician's guidance before receiving certification. This is an unnecessary requirement that does not make sense given the training already received.

We support SB 1375 because its passage will expand the availability of providers of abortions in the first trimester. The insufficient availability of reproductive health services disproportionately affects Black, Brown, low-income Governor Newsom Page 2 September 1, 2022

communities, and our less populated counties. The support of the League of Women Voters of California is based on our strong belief in reproductive choice.

For these reasons, the League of Women Voters of California strongly supports SB 1375 (Atkins) and requests your signature. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President