September 27, 2023

Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom Office of the Governor 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 345 (Skinner) Health care services: legally protected health care activities Support

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to urge you to sign Senate Bill 345 into law.

SB 345 would protect California health care workers from prosecution by other states for providing reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services that are legal in California. This bill further states that California law governs any action regarding these health care services when performed in California.

The Peace and Freedom Party believes that women have a right to reproductive care, including abortions, and that transgender people have a right to gender-affirming care, and those rights are meaningless if the health care workers who are needed to implement them are subject to legal harassment.

This bill would also remove legal statutes that make abortion procedures illegal in California and put health care workers who provide such services subject to legal prosecution. It is long past time to remove these discriminatory legal relics from the dark past.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to sign Senate Bill 345. To discuss our position further, please contact me at <a href="mailto:reigers@earthlink.net">reigers@earthlink.net</a> - or our Legislative Liaison, C. T. Weber at <a href="mailto:CTWeberVoters@att.net">CTWeberVoters@att.net</a>.

Sincerely,

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