



CWA of California Action Alert

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Your Calls Are Needed Today!

Our senators need to hear that we support the Child Custody Protection Act

Action: Please call Sens. Boxer and Feinstein today and ask them to support the Child Custody Protection Act (S.8), which prohibits taking minors across state lines to circumvent parental notification or consent in abortion decisions. Our CWA [Project 535](#) lobby team will be visiting their Washington, D.C. offices on Wednesday, June 28. Let's be sure our senators have heard from their constituents on this important issue!

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) Phone: (202) 224-3553, Web mail:
<http://boxer.senate.gov/contact/email/policy.cfm>

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) Phone: (202) 224-3841, Web mail:
<http://feinstein.senate.gov/email.html>

Background:

Senator John Ensign's bill makes it a federal offense to take a child across state lines for the purpose of having an abortion. The Child Custody Protection Act (S. 8) is designed to end the practice of circumventing state laws by transporting a minor to another state without parental consent or notification.

"Children can't go on a field trip or be given an aspirin in school without written permission from their parents, but nothing prevents them from being taken across state lines for an abortion without their parents' knowledge or consent," Ensign said. "That's a situation that must change, and this legislation will accomplish that."

The goal of the Child Custody Protection Act is to strengthen existing state laws designed to protect young girls from the health risks associated with abortion. The law will not, in any way, override or supersede parental involvement laws previously enacted by states.

"Hopefully, this bill will help encourage parental involvement in the decision as to whether or not to have an abortion by making it harder to evade the law by running to another state," Ensign said. "It is a common-sense solution to a serious and complex problem in this country."

For additional information on S. 8, click [here](#).

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