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**NCJW Los Angeles Acts to Pressure Congress to Pass
*EACH Woman Act and End Bans on Abortion Coverage***

Los Angeles, CA-The Los Angeles section of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) joined more than 58 organizations across the country in the United for Abortion Coverage Week of Action last week to show the growing support for legislation to end current federal bans that deny abortion coverage. The Los Angeles group released a letter to Southern California's members of Congress and California's Senators signed by 10 local faith organizations and communities to call attention to the urgency of overturning the bans, which affect millions of women across the country.

On Friday, September 30, 2016, as a part of the Los Angeles Coalition for Reproductive Justice, the LA section went to Los Angeles City Hall and supported City Council in passing a Resolution calling on Congress to end the Hyde Amendment. [Click here](#) to view video footage of the press conference held by the LA Coalition for Reproductive Justice at City Hall. Additionally, the NCJW|LA Young Leadership Circle hosted an event around the hashtag #BeBoldEndHyde, which included a presentation on the Hyde Amendment and a photo-booth encouraging young adults to be bold and demand that Congress repeal the Hyde Amendment.

"September 30 will mark the 40th year since Congress approved the harmful federal ban known as the Hyde Amendment, which initially barred coverage for individuals enrolled in Medicaid and now affects military women, federal employees, Peace Corps volunteers, and Native Americans, among others who get their health care through federal programs," said Donna Benjamin, Vice President of Advocacy. "To reverse this harmful policy, we in NCJW support the Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance Act (the EACH Woman Act) pending in the US House of Representatives. It would end Hyde and similar bans."

Bans on abortion coverage disproportionately harm those struggling to make ends meet, who are more likely to be women of color, immigrant women, young people, and transgender or gender nonconforming individuals.

"As progressive Jewish women, we are determined to keep speaking out to end the Hyde Amendment because it contradicts our Jewish values that we are all of equal worth, and to respect individual religious liberty. Each of us deserves the ability to make our own faith-informed decisions about our health, family, and future," added Helen Davidov, Los Angeles Section Board President.

NCJW was proud to be a faith organization engaged in the United for Abortion Coverage Week of Action, September 25 - October 1, 2016, as a member of the [All* Above All](#) campaign, which unites individuals and organizations to end bans that deny abortion coverage.

The [National Council of Jewish Women](#) (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. More information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter at @NCJW](#).

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The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates committed to the welfare and well-being of the Los Angeles Community. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. NCJW|LA serves more than 12,000 individuals through our Community Mental Health and Supportive Services, Scholarships, Council Talkline, Youth Educational Programs and Services, Back 2 School Store, intern training programs and our clothing assistance projects. NCJW|LA social justice programs provide education and legislative advocacy on issues that affect and impact women, children and families in the areas of children's rights, economic justice, healthcare, human trafficking, reproductive justice, LGBTQ rights, and gender related violence. All donations to our 8 Council Thrift Shops support the programs and services of NCJW|LA. NCJW|LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID #95-1641433). Donate Today to Council Thrift (800)400-6259. To Get Help Call 877-655-3807 or for more info visit www.ncjwla.org, call 323-651-2930, or email info@ncjwla.org. **Donate Today to Council Thrift (800)400-6259. To Get Help Call 877-655-3807** or for more info visit www.ncjwla.org, call 323-651-2930, or email info@ncjwla.org.