

July 12, 2016

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
California Secretary of State  
1500 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Padilla,

Equality California is opposed to Proposition 60, the so-called **California Safer Sex in the Adult Film Industry Act**, which will appear before voters on the November, 2016 ballot.

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health already regulates the adult film industry and requires that performers use condoms during production. Rather than curbing transmission of HIV and protecting performers, Proposition 60's broad private right of action will drive production underground or out of state, and out of reach of California's health and worker protection safeguards. By driving production away from regulations that require and encourage safer-sex practices in adult film production, Proposition 60 will exacerbate the very problem it purports to address. While Equality California strongly supports safer-sex practices in adult film production, Proposition 60 does not take into account modern treatments, including pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP, that are part of an arsenal of tools that can greatly reduce risk of transmission.

Implementing and updating safer sex practices in the adult film industry should be a collaborative process that includes public health experts, HIV service organizations, state regulatory agencies, producers, and performers. Equality California remains committed to working jointly with all groups to ensure the health and safety of all those who are involved in the production of adult films, and to working to end transmission of HIV and HIV stigma in California.

We join HIV service providers and other organizations statewide, including AIDS Project Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the California Democratic and Republican parties, in opposing this ballot measure.

Sincerely,



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