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The Honorable Senator Maria Elena Durazo
California State Senate, District 24
State Capitol, Room 5066
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 495 (Durazo) as Amended on March 25, 2019
Position: Support

Dear Senator Durazo,

On behalf of the California Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, a non-profit organization with 683 members who are certified as family law specialists by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization, I write to support Senate Bill 495, as amended on March 25, 2019.

SB 495 would prohibit the court from considering the sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation of a parent, legal guardian, or relative in determining the best interests of a child for the purpose of granting custody.

ACFLS believes there is no room for discrimination based on sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation in matters relating to custody of a child.

For these reasons, ACFLS supports SB 495, as amended on March 25, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



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