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Honorable John Laird  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 8720  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 29 (Laird) Civil Actions: Decedent's Cause of Action – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Laird,

The Consumer Protection Policy Center (CPPC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, academic center of research, teaching, learning and advocacy in regulatory and public interest law based at the University of San Diego School of Law. **CPPC supports SB 29 (Laird)**, which extends the ability for a decedent's successor in interest to bring a cause of action that survives the death of the person.

California families' right to pursue accountability beyond a family member's death should continue to be the law in California. SB 447 (Laird) (Chapter 448, Statutes of 2021) provided the legal groundwork so families can be made whole when a family member suffered pain and suffering before their death. It is suitable for this bill to at least extend this law's expiration by one year to ensure this cause of action remains an option for those victims' families.

Sincerely,

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