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The Honorable Ash Kalra
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 82 Support– Protecting Consumers from Infinite Arbitration Clauses

Dear Assemblymember Kalra,

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 82 (Umberg)**, which will be heard before the Assembly Judiciary Committee on July 1, 2025. SB 82 addresses the growing and troubling use of infinite arbitration clauses in consumer contracts. These overly broad clauses unfairly bind individuals to arbitration for disputes that may arise far beyond the scope of their original agreement, often without their knowledge or meaningful consent.

Infinite arbitration clauses:

- Deprive consumers of their legal rights by forcing them into private arbitration for disputes they never agreed to arbitrate.
- Expand beyond the intended scope of agreements, applying to unrelated future transactions or even family members.
- Create lifelong obligations for individuals who unknowingly enter contracts with companies that use these clauses.

SB 82 offers a common-sense solution by ensuring that arbitration clauses apply only to the specific product or service covered by the agreement at the time of signing. This bill does not ban arbitration; rather, it restores fairness and transparency by preventing corporations from using arbitration clauses to shield themselves from legal accountability in unrelated matters.

CPPC urges the Assembly Judiciary Committee to pass SB 82 to uphold consumer rights, restore fairness in contractual agreements, and prevent future abuses of arbitration clauses. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

For these reasons, we strongly support SB 82 and ask that you support it when it comes before you in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

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