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All 12 California House Republicans Voted for Anti-Abortion Extremist Mike Johnson as Speaker of the House of Representatives

California — Yesterday, all 12 California Republican House Members voted to elect Mike Johnson (LA-04)) as the new speaker of the House of Representatives. Rep. Johnson has a long record of opposing sexual and reproductive health care. He co-sponsored <u>legislation to ban abortion nationwide</u>, led efforts to <u>undermine the results</u> of the 2020 election, and wants to restrict reproductive health care for <u>service members</u> and <u>transgender</u> Californians.

Californians overwhelmingly support abortion rights and do not want politicians making their personal health care decisions, something those members ignored while casting their votes.

In August, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California launched a statewide digital ad campaign aimed at bringing awareness to the voting records of Congressional members who support restrictive abortion and reproductive health care bills. The Congressional accountability campaign enables the public to find out how their representative has voted on key abortion and health care related bills, and specifically calls out Republican representatives who have voted for a national abortion ban or against abortion access. More information can be found at KnowTheirVotes.com

Statement from Jodi Hicks, CEO/President of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California:

"These 12 California Republican members are putting their partisan loyalties ahead of Californians. Mike Johnson as speaker is disastrous for reproductive rights. He's never tried to hide the ball. He wants to ban abortion full out, across the country. And these members are now complicit in this dangerous legislative agenda. With their votes, they prove that they are yes people for their party and its anti-abortion agenda – they are not advocates for Californians – or anyone in the nation - accessing sexual and reproductive health."