

September 15, 2016

To The Graduate and Professional Student Association,

We are writing to request any organization's financial support for a screening of the 2015 documentary film, *No Más Bebés*, at the Domenici Center on North Campus on **October 27, 2016 at 5pm**, should the organization find they have a vested interest in this event. This event represents a collaborative effort between a doctoral student at the College of Nursing and Young Women United, an Albuquerque-based organization that "leads reproductive justice organizing and policy initiatives by and for self-identified young women of color." *No Más Bebés* tells the story of women, Mexican-immigrant mothers, who experienced coerced or involuntary sterilization at a public hospital in Los Angeles during the 1970s. These women prevailed in a landmark civil rights lawsuit filed against the physicians responsible, the State of California, and the U.S. government, that established the right to bear a child as an expression of reproductive autonomy protected under the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*.

We plan to follow the screening with a short presentation and question-and-answer session with one of the filmmakers, Virginia Espino, Program Coordinator for Latina and Latino History at the UCLA Center for Oral History Research. Virginia served as the Producer and Lead Historian on the project. It was her doctoral research into coercive sterilization in Los Angeles County that provided the impetus for the making of the film.

The plan to host the screening at the Domenici Center on North Campus reflects our desire to draw students, faculty and staff from the health professions, population health and law. We hope to use the event as a catalyst for productive engagement in the service of improved clinical care and research regarding women's health. However, we also plan to publicize this event on Main Campus and in the community, as our broader goal is to stimulate conversation on issues of reproductive justice that continue to resonate in our New Mexico communities.

We know that our indigenous women and families across New Mexico were victims of forced sterilization by Indian Health Services and could not always get the health care they needed or wanted. The impact of forced and coerced sterilization continue to be felt today.

We hope that you may be able to assist us, and are happy to complete any formal process or provide any additional information that you require. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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