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The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 3 as an important step forward in equal rights for immigrants. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the bill and to urge its passage.

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

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Assemblymember Monique Limón, Fax: (805) 564-1651
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Fax: (805) 965-0701
CAUSE Santa Barbara: Frank Rodriguez & Maricela Morales frank@causenow.org;

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