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Honorable Paul Gosar
Chair, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
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RE: H.R. 731 – California Clean Coast Act (Carbajal) - SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Gosar,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 731 addressing the prohibition of oil and gas leasing off the coast of the State of California. SBWPC’s mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women’s political committees in Santa Barbara County. We advocate for a diverse set of positions that include the aggressive reduction of the use of fossil fuels, due to the environmental degradation that results from their production and combustion.

We support the prohibition of any new oil or gas leasing in areas of the outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of the State of California. Our state has historically suffered a number of oil spills, most recently 2 years ago, during the Refugio spill, when over 100,000 gallons of oil devastated the Santa Barbara coastline habitat as a result of inferior pipeline maintenance. Aside from the obvious environmental harm, the economic harm was palpable in the loss of tourism as beaches and campsites remained closed during summer months. New leasing would undoubtedly lead to future damage.

The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee regards H.R. 731 as an important step forward in protecting the California Coastline and our greater environment. Therefore, SBWPC strongly supports its passage by the House of Representatives.

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

CC: Congressman Salud Carbajal, Fax: (202) 225-5632

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