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Honorable Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2115
Sacramento, California 95814
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RE: AB 1281 (Limón) State parks: climate change: study – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 1281, State parks: climate change: study, addressing the need to observe and respond to the effects of climate change on California state parks. 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 which include "...strong stewardship and nurturing of our environment." (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new/>)

We support the need for the State of California to reflect environmental changes in natural reserves and state parks, and the ongoing studies to reflect our changing environment. As we continue to experience effects of climate change in California, it is important to respond in a prompt manner to improve on current practices and policies of state park operations.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 1281 as an important step forward in placing importance on natural and infrastructural changes in state parks to reflect changes in climate. Therefore, The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee supports AB 1281 and urges its passage in the Assembly.

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,

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