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**RE: AB 1328 (Limón) Oil and Gas Wells - Support**

Dear Assemblymember Limón,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 1328 requiring oil and gas well owners, or operators, to issue quarterly reports disclosing the chemicals added to their wells. We agree that it is necessary to report these chemicals, so that the data is available for evaluation of any impacts on the health of those in close proximity, on water quality, and in other environmental areas.

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 the Environment and we believe that a “feminist approach to public policy requires strong stewardship and nurturing of our environment”. We support “efforts to improve air and water quality including the reduction of pollutants,” “whether released into the air, soil, or water” (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/#tab-5919064836f45-14>).

By supporting this bill, we agree that the monitoring of chemicals added to oil and gas wells is a necessary process to protect California’s environmental and human health. This information should be made available on a regular basis for the evaluation of human and environmental health risks by those with the public interests in mind, such as the State Water resources Control Board or another such agency.

The SBWPC believes that AB 1328 supports our environmental position favoring a clean environment for all and urges 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](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org)

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