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April 12, 2017

Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Capitol Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814
ATTN: Lisa Gardiner (email) lisa.gardiner@sen.ca.gov

RE: SB 309 - License plates: Reproductive Freedom Fund. - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 309 addressing creation and sale of a "California Trusts Women" license plate, with proceeds benefiting reproductive health care services. 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 development of an affordable nationwide health plan to make quality care available to all women and their families regardless of income, race, gender, age, socio-economic barriers, sexual orientation or gender identity." (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new/>) Because the Trump administration appears to be bent on dismantling nationwide healthcare, particularly with respect to reproductive healthcare for women, it is imperative that California act to protect its citizens.

We support SB 309 in facilitating "access to resources for all [California] women to exercise full choice and control over their bodies in making all health and medical decisions" by creating revenue to be deposited in the bill's California Reproductive Freedom Fund. This revenue will be used for the Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment program (FPACT). We believe that the initial cost of the license plate (\$50) and annual renewal cost (\$40) will attract and enable many Californians to participate and contribute to the cause.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee supports SB 309 and urges its passage in the Senate.

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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