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## *Celebrating 29 Years of Empowering Women*

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Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
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### **RE: AB 569 (Gonzales Fletcher) Discrimination: Reproductive Health SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 569 addressing a woman's legal right to make reproductive health care decisions. 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 Reproductive Justice. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new/>)

Our members consist of and live among many women who must consider economic issues when it comes to child bearing, or child raising. They cannot make these decisions while at risk of discrimination in their workplace because of their choices. Our Position paper on Reproductive Justice states that "SBWPC believes that a woman's decision concerning her reproductive health care rest with her alone." We support "the enforcement of laws prohibiting employer discrimination based on a woman's reproductive potential or status." AB 569 is an important step in ensuring reproductive justice and SBWPC therefore strongly supports the bill and urges its passage into law.

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)

Sincerely,

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