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Assembly Member Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Attn: Andrea San Miguel – Andrea.Sanmiguel@ASM.ca.gov

RE: AB 676 (Limón) Child Care and Development - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 676 addressing occupational health and safety training for early educators in 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 including Childcare, and state that "...it is a matter of basic equality that ...quality childcare be readily available." We support the highest level of early education for the state's children as "...a social good and a human right." (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new/>)

Further, we support "policies that create standards for training and certification ... to attract the most qualified and well-trained child care professionals possible." We view AB 676 as an important step toward enhancing training for the invaluable adults who provide care and education for our young children and ensuring a safe learning and working environment. The health and well-being of our youngest citizens should be one of our highest priorities.

Therefore, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee wishes to sign on in support of AB 676 as an important step toward creating the safest possible environments for teaching our young children 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 or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

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