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**RE: CALL FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR**

Dear Congressman Carbajal,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee (SBWPC), an organization of over 400 members, to strongly urge you to support the hiring of a nonpartisan special independent prosecutor to investigate charges of collusion between the Russian government and its operatives and the Trump administration, including the President himself. We believe that recent events, such as the testimony of acting Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates and the sudden firing of FBI Director James Comey, require that this be done immediately.

SBWPC is one of the largest women’s political committees in Santa Barbara County. We are a feminist, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to further gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. We advocate for a diverse set of positions, which include International Peace and Security. We are very concerned about the dangers of possible collusion with Russia, a nation well known for civil rights violations and military aggression that threatens everyone, and notably women who “...are disproportionately affected by war and political instability.” (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new/>).

Finally, SBWPC heartily agrees with the president of Feminist Majority, Eleanor Smeal, who observed: “The feminist movement has been fighting for over a century to hold political officials accountable to the highest ideals and expectations of our democracy. Donald Trump may think he is above the law, but we demand better of our leaders. We will not go away.”

Sincerely,  
*Catherine J. Swysen*  
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President, SBWPC