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Celebrating 29 Years of Empowering Women

June 20, 2017

Honorable Grace Meng
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RE: HR 972 (Meng), HR 2416 (Meng), and HR 2379 (Maloney), Menstrual hygiene and safety- **SUPPORT**

Dear Congresswoman Meng,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 972, HR 2379, and HR 2416 addressing menstrual hygiene and safety. 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, with over 400 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include women's Health Care (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

The SBWPC position paper on Health Care demonstrates our support of efforts to make affordable, "quality care available to all women, regardless of income [or] socio-economic barriers" and to provide "access to resources for all women to exercise full choice and control over their bodies in making all health and medical decisions." SBWPC also supports "increased funding for research [...] in areas of women's health". As such, we support HR 972, which will increase the availability and affordability of menstrual hygiene products for women and girls with limited income, providing quality, affordable care for all. We also support HR 2416, which will require ingredients lists on menstrual products, allowing women to make informed decisions in their use of these products. Finally, we support HR 2379, which will establish a program that will examine the risks associated with the use of common components in feminine hygiene products, a very relevant area of research for women's health.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 972, HR 2379, and HR 2416 as important steps forward in providing quality and affordable healthcare options for women. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as supporters of the bills.

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

CC: Congressman Salud Carbajal, EMAIL: Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov
CC: Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, EMAIL: max.whitcomb@mail.house.gov

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RE: HR 2379 (Maloney), HR 972 (Meng), and HR 2416 (Meng): Menstrual hygiene and safety- **SUPPORT**

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