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Honorable Jackie Speier
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RE: HR 4030 Title IX Protection Act – SUPPORT

Dear Congresswoman Speier,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 4030. 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 on the topics of Crimes against Women, Educational Equity, Lesbian and Transgender Rights, and others (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new>). We support codifying the documents issued by the Clinton, Bush, and Obama administrations: the 2001, 2006 and 2011 Guidance documents and 2014 Questions and Answers on sexual harassment and sexual violence on campus.

The SBWPC position paper on Educational Equity states that we support the "establishment and enforcement of school policies and procedures that effectively address and eliminate sexual violence and sexual harassment," as well as policies that provide "equal access to all school programs." HR 4030 is needed to ensure vital protections for victims of campus sexual assault. It is critical and essential in the face of the removal of these protections by Sec. Betsy DeVos, with the apparent approval of the President. **Therefore, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 4030.**

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,

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