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Honorable Jackie Speier
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RE: HR 4396 – ME TOO Congress Act of 2017 - SUPPORT

Dear Congresswoman Speier,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 4396 (Member and Employee Training and Oversight On Congress Act) addressing sexual harassment issues affecting the legislative branch. 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 crimes against women and protecting women in the workplace.

We are aware that a climate of sexual harassment exists in and outside our legislative branch offices. We support the purpose of HR 4396 which acts to update the system of addressing sexual harassment within the legislative branch by instituting additional rights for victims, introducing innovative prevention techniques and response training as well as calling for biennial employment discrimination climate surveys.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 4396 as an important step toward addressing the unacceptable epidemic of sexual harassment in our country and government.

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 4396.

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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