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June 13, 2017

Honorable Richard Blumenthal
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

RE: S.510 Women's Health Protection Act of 2017 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blumenthal,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for bill S.510 (Blumenthal) addressing the recent trend in some states to make it harder for women to access abortion services. 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 in California, with over 400 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include Reproductive Justice (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We state that "The freedom to decide whether and when to become a parent is a private and personal matter.... [and we] support the right to affordable, safe, legal abortion..." regardless of age and economic circumstances. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee encourages the non-judgmental provision of medical advice and services so that women can make informed decisions. SBWPC believes that a woman's decisions concerning her reproductive health care rest with her alone.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards bill S.510 as an important step forward in protecting all women's right to have access to a safe and legal abortion. We also believe that as part of a women's reproductive health the access to abortion services are "central to women's health" and wish to sign on as a supporter of this bill.

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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