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January 24, 2018

Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814
ATTN: Nora Lynn, nora.lynn@sen.ca.gov

RE: SB-224 (Jackson) Personal rights – sexual harassment – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 224, addressing sexual harassment. 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. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include our commitment to ending crimes against women and protecting women in the workplace (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

As a feminist organization, our positions include support for "legislation which clarifies and broadens the definitions of crimes against women; positively impacts survivor rights; [,,] and assists in creating a more sensitive and survivor responsive criminal justice system." With regards to women in the workplace, this means supporting "effective enforcement against sexual harassment" and "initiatives that encourage and assist women entrepreneurs." To this end, we support SB 224, which adds investors, elected officials, lobbyists, directors, and producers to the list of persons who may be liable to a plaintiff for sexual harassment. SB 224 will protect women and their intellectual property by finally making sexual harassment within these professional relationships explicitly illegal.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB 224 as an important step forward in creating a workplace free of sexual harassment and gender discrimination. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the 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

CC: Assemblymember Monique Limón, Fax: (805) 564-1651