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RE: SB562 (Lara, Atkins) Californians for a Healthy California

Dear Senator De Leon,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC) I am writing to express support for SB562, addressing the establishment of a comprehensive, universal, single payer health care coverage program, and a health care cost control system for all residents of California. 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 includes Health Care.

SBWPC supports the development of an affordable nation/state wide health plan. We believe that all women and their families have a right to quality health care regardless of race, gender, age, socio-economic barriers, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Our members are concerned that the present political environment makes passage of SB562 critical to insuring all Californian residents have the right to receive quality health care. Therefore, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee supports SB562 and urges its passage in the Senate.

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email <a href="mailto:info@sbwpc.org">info@sbwpc.org</a> or visit our website <a href="www.sbwpc.org">www.sbwpc.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President, SBPWC

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