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March 5, 2018

Honorable Al Muratsuchi
State Capitol, PO Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0066
Email: brady.mccarthy@asm.ca.gov

RE: AB 1775 (Limón & Muratsuchi) State Lands; Leasing: Oil and Gas

Dear Assembly Member Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 1775 which protects California Coastlines from the shoreline to 3 miles out from oil and gas development by prohibiting the State Lands Commission from approving new leases for pipes, piers and other infrastructure which would support any new oil and gas drilling in federal waters. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County and we advocate for a diverse set of positions which includes the aggressive reduction of the use of fossil fuels due to the environmental degradation that results from their production and also to our position of supporting efforts to protect environmental health. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

The Refugio oil spill of 2015 and the subsequent damage to our coast is a recent example of the devastation caused to our coastal environment and their habitants by the oil & gas companies. The likelihood of other spills plus the additional day to day pollution associated extraction and transport activities will be mitigated by this bill.

SBWPC believes that AB 1775 can make a positive impact by inhibiting the push to open up federal waters for oil drilling by banning access to the coast for processing and transportation of the oil. This bill is an important step in the reduction of fossil fuels and protecting the natural resource that is the California Coast. **Therefore, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 1775.**

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

CC: Senator Hanna-Beth Jackson, email: senator.jackson@sen.ca.gov