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Honorable Monique Limón
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RE: AB 1877 (Limón) Office of Emergency Services: communications: translation - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Limón,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 1877 addressing emergency communication: translations. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with over 400 members. SBWPC's vision is to achieve a society based upon the feminist values of social, political, racial, economic and gender equality. This vision cannot be achieved if a large portion of our population is in danger of being left uninformed during emergencies.

Because Santa Barbara has a significant number of Spanish-speaking community members, SBWPC recently communicated with the Santa Barbara Fire and Police Departments as well as the City Council, advocating for a designated Spanish speaking Public Information Officer, a written Spanish language communication plan, and a redundancy plan for Spanish communications for emergency services. Consequently, we are strongly supportive of a statewide measure requiring "...the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the governing body of each political subdivision, including each operational area, to translate any emergency communication into the most commonly spoken language other than English in the impacted county or counties." (Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization analysis, April 3, 2018)

Because of the deadly fires and debris flows which we recently experienced in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee is acutely aware that AB 1877 is an important and necessary step toward ensuring that all members of every California community are fully informed throughout future emergencies. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 1877.**

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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