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Honorable Monique Limón
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RE: AB 1037 (Limón) Postsecondary education: student financial aid: Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant Program

Dear Assemblymember Limón,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 1037 which would establish a service-based grant program available to the California Dream Act (AB 540) students. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with over 400 members. SBWPC's vision on educational equality is that all individuals have the right to a quality public education including access to postsecondary coursework. This bill supports this vision by providing additional means of funding for California's undocumented students in the form of service-based grants.

Without social security numbers the Dream Act students are not eligible for FAFSA and many federal funded financial aid programs including work-study. Although some of the UC campuses offer work-study programs, none of the CSU campuses or City Colleges do. The work-study program offers a source of funding that could make it possible for a student to afford college. It also allows students to gain experience in their selected field, which benefits us as a community. Therefore we strongly support a statewide grant offering scholarship funds promoting work-study in the form of community service.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee has embraced the diversity that the undocumented students bring to the community and believes they should have financial assistance in paying for a higher education. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 1037.**

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

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