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May 14, 2018
Honorable Eloise Gómez Reyes
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RE: AB 2015 (Reyes) Pupil Instruction: Information about completion of applications for student financial aid.


Dear Assembly Member Reyes,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 2015 which requires that each student receives proper instructions on how to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application. 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 financial aid required for a postsecondary education. This bill supports this vision by ensuring that all students learn how to fill out applications before they start their senior year in high school.

The FASFA and California Dream Act applications are key in obtaining federal financial aid for college students. These are complicated applications and the failure to complete and submit them correctly can create a barrier to college for need-based students. Therefore we strongly support a program that provides instructions for filling out these forms.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee support policies that promote greater access to higher education for women and other underrepresented populations and the proper completion of financial aid forms provides a financial path that is necessary for higher education. **Because of this, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 2015.**

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
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