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Honorable Freddie Rodriguez
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RE: AB 2885 (Rodriguez) Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Rodriguez,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 2885, increasing the access of low-income households to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP). 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 with over 400 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions that include the belief that environmental policy "should include the reduction of pollutants, whether released into the air, soil, or water," as well as support for "[p]ublic and private financial assistance ... for low and moderate income renters." (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

SBWPC understands that environmental stewardship is a key part of any feminist policy. While the CVRP has been a substantial step forward in helping to increase the fraction of environmentally friendly vehicles on the road, these rebates have largely been granted to affluent people rather than lower income residents who are often most affected by polluted conditions and who could benefit most financially. Therefore, we are fully in favor of modifying the process to prioritize lower income applicants.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 2774 as an intersection of our advocacy for environmental and economic justice. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the bill.

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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