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May 9, 2018

The Honorable Senator Lara
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814
Email: erika.condreras@sen.ca.gov

RE: SB 974 (Lara) Health Care Coverage for Families - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lara,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for Senate Bill 974 addressing health care for undocumented adults. 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 which include making quality health care available to all women and their families regardless of income, race, gender, age, socio-economic barriers, sexual orientation or gender identity (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We are aware that SB 75 was passed nearly 2 years ago and now provides the Health4All Kids program. The parents of these children, however, are excluded from care. Most undocumented adults are working, tax paying members of our communities. As vital participants in our cities and towns we need to assure that all community members have access to comprehensive and preventative health care. The Women’s Political Committee supports the development of an affordable nationwide health plan and this bill helps provide inclusive care for all California residents.

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The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee regards SB 974 as an important step forward in the direction of making quality health care available to all women and their families. **Therefore, the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB 974.**

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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