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June 19, 2018

Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: S. 3036 (Feinstein) Keep Families Together Act - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S. 3036 - Keep Families Together Act, which would prohibit the separation of families "solely for the policy goal of deterring individuals from migrating to the United States or for the policy goal of promoting compliance with civil immigration laws." SBWPC 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 committee in Santa Barbara County, with over 400 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions including support for comprehensive and humane immigration reform and opposition to the separation of families. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>)

The Administration's policy of separating migrant children from their parents at the border is unconscionable, inhumane and does not comport with the basic standards of human decency. It is contrary to our values and those upon which our country was founded. Furthermore, it exposes innocent children, many of whom have already experienced violence and horrific circumstances, to further trauma which will last a lifetime. This is akin to state-sanctioned child abuse as stated by the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. **For these reasons, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S. 3036.**

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 at www.sbwpc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Catherine J. Swysen'.

Catherine J. Swysen
President, SBWPC

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