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Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
516 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: S. 1942 Savanna's Act - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Heitkamp,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S. 1942, to update the online data entry format for federal databases relevant to cases of missing and murdered Indians to include the victim's tribal enrollment information or affiliation.

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 350 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include our commitment to ending crimes against women and fighting racism. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We are aware of, and support, the bill's requirements that the DOJ must make standardized law enforcement and justice protocols to serve as agency guidelines, develop protocols for investigation, meet requirements to consult with Indian tribes, and provide tribes and law enforcement agencies with training and technical assistance relating to the implementation of the protocols.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S. 1942 as an important step forward in protecting Native Americans and proactively fighting crimes against them, especially against Native American women. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S. 1942.**

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