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**RE: AB 255 (Limón) – Coastal resources: oil spills: grants - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Limón,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 255 addressing oil and gas leasing off the coast of California. 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 well over 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include environmental protection (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We support AB 255, which authorizes the administrator for oil spill response to offer grants to local governments or Native American tribes to provide oil spill response equipment. SBWPC recognizes "the right to a clean environment" for all and supports "effort[s] to improve air and water quality, in order to protect both environmental and human health", including reduction of pollutants. This bill would provide valuable equipment to address pollutant reduction and allow for local governments, Native American tribes, or other public entities to directly respond to oil spills in their community.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee believes that AB 255 will be a useful tool in oil spill response and can give local public entities more power to respond to environmental disasters.

**Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 255.**

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](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org)

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martin, President SBWPC

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