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Honorable Monique Limón
P.O. Box 942849
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ATTN: Mariana Sabeniano

RE: **AB-378 (Limón) Childcare: family childcare providers: bargaining representative**

Dear Assemblymember Limón,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB-378 Childcare: family childcare providers: bargaining representative. 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 Childcare and Educational Equity <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support the bill's efforts to create a mechanism whereby family childcare providers can create a Partnership on Childcare Training, Education, and Quality Improvement that regularly interacts with the State. This interaction will identify training needs for family childcare providers and will work to ensure that childcare providers in the partnership are aware of and have access to training, education, and professional development activities.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB-378 as an important step forward in acknowledging the important role that family childcare providers, the large majority of whom are women, play in our society. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB-378.**

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,

Luz Reyes-Martin, President SBWPC

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