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Honorable Salud Carbajal
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RE: HR 279 (Carbajal) – California Clean Coast Act of 2019 - SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Carbajal,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 279 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 HR 279, which will permanently prohibit leasing of areas off the coast of California for oil and gas leasing. SBWPC recognizes "the right to a clean environment" for all and supports "protection of open spaces that support wildlife" and efforts "to improve air and water quality, in order to protect both environmental and human health", including reduction of pollutants and greenhouse gases. On the 50th Anniversary of the devastating 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, we recognize that drilling off the coast of Santa Barbara has historically damaged water quality and local wildlife and we support the intent of HR 279 to prevent further leasing off our coastline for this purpose.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 279 as an important step forward in protecting California's coast and reducing pollutants in the form of oil spills and the greenhouse gases associated with fossil fuels. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 279.**

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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