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Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
2306 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
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RE: H.R.36 (Johnson) – Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2019 - SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Johnson,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R.36 addressing sexual harassment in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). 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 preventing crimes against women, including sexual harassment. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

Crimes against women have at their root an intersection between sexism and other forms of oppression. They are unconscionable, therefore unacceptable, and SBWPC is committed to ending these crimes. Sexual harassment has long been an issue in STEM fields, but what was once only secretly acknowledged is now coming out into the open. There cannot be equality in any profession, including STEM, where sexual harassment exists. We support H.R.36's goal of conducting research to determine how widespread sexual harassment in STEM is, and to determine the most effective interventions for reducing the harassment.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R.36 as an important step forward in gender parity in science fields and decreasing sexual harassment in the United States.

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R.36.

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

CC: Congressman Salud Carbajal, *Email:* Nancy.juarez@mail.house.gov