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Honorable Karen Bass
2059 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Email: janice.bashford@mail.house.gov

RE: HR 507 (Bass) - Put Trafficking Victims First Act of 2019 - SUPPORT

Dear Representative Karen Bass,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 507 addressing various issues relating to Human Trafficking. 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 Crimes Against Women. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We support this bill and your effort to approach the issue of Human Trafficking from several different perspectives. We recognize the critical value of training law enforcement and prosecutors to utilize a victim-centered approach, and the necessity of providing support to the states for implementation and maintenance of provisional services. In addition, the emphasis on gathering valuable data regarding the prevalence of and the policies used to address human trafficking is a step forward in understanding an issue which affects an inordinate number of women and children.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R.507 as an important effort toward encouraging compassion and shedding light on the issue of human trafficking. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R. 507.**

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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