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March 6, 2019

Honorable Julia Brownley  
2262 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Attn: Gavin Ross

RE: **H.R.94 (Brownley) - Amend the Code for Marriage Equality Act of 2019 - SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Brownley,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R.94 - Amend the Code for Marriage Equality Act of 2019. 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 Lesbian Rights, and we are dedicated to the inclusiveness of lesbian rights as a fundamental component of that advocacy. <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support the bill's changes that remove gender-based terms from the Internal Revenue Code and the Social Security Act, so that all marriages, whether between a man and a woman, a man and a man, or a woman and a woman, are all acknowledged and given the same legal status as married couples and spouses. This will allow same-sex marriages equal protection for a wide range of federal benefits.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R.94 as an important step forward in stopping discrimination based on gender identity. This discrimination is unfortunately wide-ranging, from employment, credit, domestic partners' policies in employment benefit packages, to all parenting situations such as child custody, adoption and foster care. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R.94.**

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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