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Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
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**RE: S. 171 (Klobuchar) – The Abby Honold Act – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for Senate Bill 171 addressing the incorporation of a trauma-informed approach into the initial response to, and investigation of, crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. 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 that include training for women and men in professions such as law enforcement, medicine, and education in creating a more sensitive and survivor-responsive criminal justice system (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We support the Abby Honold Act's grant funding for demonstration sites where evidence-based or promising policies and practices are incorporated. Such policies and practices seek to prevent re-traumatization of victims, improve communication between victims and law enforcement officers, increase collaboration among stakeholders, and evaluate the effectiveness of the training process and content.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S. 171 as an important step forward in training individuals to use evidence-based, trauma-informed techniques and knowledge of crime victims' rights in order to improve the response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S 171.**

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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