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Honorable Kamala Harris
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
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RE: S.65 (Harris) Ensuring Diverse Leadership Act of 2019 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Harris,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S.65 addressing the need for gender, racial, and ethnic diversity in the Federal Reserve System. 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 ending crimes against women (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

SBWPC supports efforts to attain gender and racial balance in our elected and appointed offices to reflect the community they represent. We therefore support the bill's amendment of the Federal Reserve Act to require Federal Reserve banks to interview at least one individual reflective of gender diversity and one individual reflective of racial or ethnic diversity when appointing Federal Reserve bank presidents, as well as the bill's proposed changes to references to the head of the board of governors in relevant US laws to more inclusive, gender neutral language.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S.65 as an important step forward in full and fair participation in developing monetary policy by individuals reflective of gender diversity and racial or ethnic diversity. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S. 65.**

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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