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March 18, 2019

Honorable Senator Wiener State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, CA 95814-4900 *Email:* senator.wiener@senate.gov

RE: SB 142 Lactation Accommodation - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wiener

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for Bill # SB 142 addressing the need for lactation accommodation in the workplace. 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 policies that encourage and assist women and their families to participate fully in the workplace.

We support adopting prescribed mandatory building standards for the installation of lactation space for employees in nonresidential remodels or new construction of workplace buildings. This type of accommodation will allow working mothers to better care for their infants and themselves during the work day. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB 142 as an important step forward in supporting women in the workplace.

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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