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Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
California State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814
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RE: SB-228 (Jackson) – Master Plan on Aging - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB-228 addressing the need for a statewide strategic plan on aging for long-term planning purposes. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. As you know, 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 the establishment and expansion of quality long-term care programs as well as the improvement and expansion of in-home support programs. <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We are aware that SB-228 calls for the appointment of an Aging Czar and a 15-member Aging Task Force to identify the policies and priorities that need to be implemented in a master plan that addresses how the state should accomplish specified goals, especially expanding access to coordinated, integrated systems of care. Recent polling data show that 9 out of 10 voters say it is important for the state to have a master plan as our population ages. Other states like Connecticut, Washington, and Minnesota have already outlined strategies that offer a broad framework for systems improvement.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB-228 as an important step forward in addressing the needs of an aging society. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB-228.**

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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