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Honorable Ling Ling Chang
State Capitol, Room 4062, Sacramento, CA 95814
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RE: SB 35 (Chang) Human Trafficking

Dear Senator Chang,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 35, addressing legislation to create a statewide human trafficking task force to study labor and sex trafficking, providing valuable insights to end the fastest growing criminal enterprise of the 21st century. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities and 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 "ending crimes perpetuated against women that have at their root an intersection between sexism and other forms of oppression," (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new/>).

Because SBWPC endorses a feminist approach to the humane treatment of all living beings, we agree that SB 35 will do justice in protecting Californians from this new form of modern-day slavery by creating a uniform system for governments and organizations to work together towards a comprehensive study on trafficking in California.

Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB 35 as an important step forward in helping to eliminate this unconscionable form of modern-day slavery in California which hosts the highest rate of human trafficking in the United States. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB 35.**

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 Martín, President SBWPC

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