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Honorable Karen Bass
2059 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: H.R. 1585 – **Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 - SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Bass,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 1585 addressing reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. 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 crimes against women <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

Crimes against women cross all socioeconomic backgrounds, races, nationalities, cultures, and ages. Crimes against women have at their root an intersection between sexism and other forms of oppression. They are unconscionable, therefore unacceptable, and the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee is committed to an end to these crimes through intervention and education, training for law enforcement, risk reduction programs, and other avenues as noted on our website.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R. 1585 as critical to the prevention of violence against women. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter H.R. 1585 – Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019.**

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

CC: Hon. Salud Carbajal, *email:* Nancy.juarez@mail.house.gov