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The Honorable Pramila Jayapal
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Email: Lindsay.owens@mail.house.gov

RE: HR 1384 (Jayapal) Medicare for All Act of 2019

Dear Congressman Jayapal,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 1384 addressing Medicare for all. 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 Healthcare, which states in part that we support "... the development of an affordable nationwide health plan to make quality care available to all women and their families regardless of income, race, gender, age, socio-economic barriers, sexual orientation or gender identity." <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support this bill because we are well aware that research has shown that health care and outcomes in the U.S. are inferior to those of other countries, and to worsen a dire situation, our costs are greater. Notably, tens of millions of Americans have not had, and cannot obtain, access to adequate health care due to the costs of insurance and direct care. Clearly this is patently unacceptable.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 1384 as an important step forward in achieving a good national health care system at reasonable cost for all.

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 1384.

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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