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Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
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RE: HR 40 (Jackson Lee) Commission to Study & Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans - SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Jackson Lee,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 40 addressing establishment of a commission to study reparations for African Americans. 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 Racism <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We are well aware of the injustice and inhumanity perpetrated upon African Americans as a result of slavery from 1619 until 1865, and the following de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination affecting these Americans continuing through the present day. We are also aware that no national apology or reparations have ever been offered by our national government, nor has there been meaningful effort to explore and propose these or other significant remedies.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 40 as an important step forward in addressing these centuries-long, ongoing wrongs by establishing a commission to study the issues and to develop recommendations to Congress. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 40.**

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,

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