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The Honorable Connie Leyva
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RE: SB 24 (Leyva) College Student Right to Access Act

Dear Senator Leyva,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 24 addressing increased access to reproductive health services for students attending public universities by providing medication abortions on campus at student health centers. 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 over 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions including Health Care (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>). We also partner with Planned Parenthood and support their positions.

California's public universities currently provide a range of reproductive health services at low or no cost which includes pregnancy tests, pregnancy options counseling, contraception and testing, and treatment for sexually transmitted infections. They do not, however, provide medication abortion services. About 500 students at UC and CSU campuses seek such care each month.

Women deserve access to resources to exercise full choice and control over their bodies and an efficient and effective user-friendly delivery system of medical services. Having access to medication abortion services through SB 24 will reduce the logistical and financial barriers they currently face. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the bill.**

Thank you for reviewing our position. If you would like to discuss this with us, please email info@sbwpc.org or visit www.sbwpc.org.

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martin, President SBWPC

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