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Honorable Tom Lackey
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RE: AB-2065 Crimes: revenge porn - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Lackey,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB-2065 addressing the crime of revenge porn. 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 approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include Crimes Against Women.

We are aware that women and men from every community and every socio-economic demographic suffer the devastating consequences of having intimate and private images shared without their approval and with the intention to do them harm. In addition, studies have found that women are much more frequently than men to be the targets of this criminal action. Increasing the current crime from a misdemeanor to a felony and requiring mandatory sex-offender registration will more accurately reflect the severity of the offense and will hopefully increase the deterrent effect.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB-2065 as an important step forward in addressing this very disturbing, yet rising crime trend. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of bill AB-2065**

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-Martin
President SBWPC

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