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**RE: AB 2113 Refugees, Asylees, and Immigrants: Professional Licensing- SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Low:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 2113, "Refugees, Asylees, and Immigrants: Professional Licensing," which will expedite the current process for those applying for licensure through the Department of Consumer Affairs. 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 immigration reform (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

We are aware that under the current law refugees, asylees and immigrants are allowed to apply for licensure through the California Department of Consumer Affairs, but the process is slow. The amendment would expedite the licensure procedure for applicants who have supplied the required evidence that they are a refugee, have been granted political asylum or have a special immigrant visa. This expedited process would allow those individuals to obtain their professional license in a timely manner, providing the means to support themselves and their families, and to contribute skilled professional work in California.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 2113 as an important step forward in expediting the application process for those who meet all applicable statutory and regulatory licensure requirements and to assist in becoming productive members of society. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 2113.

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](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org)

Sincerely,

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