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### **RE: AB 3133 (Aguiar-Curry): California Refugee Resettlement Program – SUPPORT**

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 3133, which codifies California's commitment to participation in the United States Reception and Placement program and recognizes the importance of the refugee resettlement program as a humanitarian, national security, and foreign policy imperative of the United States. 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 asylum for people fleeing violence or persecution, especially those targeted for their gender, sexuality, ethnicity, political beliefs, faith, or any other affiliation.

The U.S. Refugee Resettlement program has saved the lives of over 3 million refugees since 1980. These refugees, including many women and children, turn around and contribute significant economic and cultural contributions to the state, including \$17 billion in spending power. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 3133 as an important step forward in maintaining humanitarian policy in California. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 3133.

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)

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