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NOTE: SBWPC has supported and continues to support these bills since 2019. Please see our letter below.

August 30, 2019

The Honorable Governor Newsom
Office of the Governor
State Capital
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 558-3160

RE: SB 54 and AB 1080 Plastic Pollution Reduction Act - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 54 and AB 1080 which address the reduction of plastic pollution in California. 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 all efforts by local communities to set ambitious goals to reduce their environmental footprints with a clear understanding that the right to a clean environment is the right of all.

The recent collapse of the recycling markets has adversely affected our state's ability to manage waste. As a result, plastics that were previously considered recyclable are now being buried or burned. We strongly support the principles of these bills that would drastically reduce the single-use plastic packaging produced or used in California and also requires the development of adequate recycling infrastructure. As the 5th largest economy in the world, California has a responsibility to lead in finding solutions to the plastics pollution crisis. A 75% reduction of single-use plastics by 2030 would have lasting benefits for the environment and as well as our local economies.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards bills AB 1080 and SB 54 as an important step forward in addressing the growing plastics pollution crisis. Therefore, SBWPC strongly urges you to sign AB1080 and SB 54 into law.

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