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August 4, 2020

Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson State Capitol, Room 2032 Sacramento, CA 95814 Email: <u>lisa.gardiner@sen.ca.gov</u>

Dear Senator Jackson:

RE: AB 2542 - California's Racial Justice Act (Kalra)

I am writing to request that you support AB 2542 in the Safety Committee meeting scheduled on Friday, August 7th and again if there is a vote for passage in the Senate. It is imperative that California address the systemic racial disparity in our mass incarceration system. We believe that we must not only communicate anti-racist values, but hold our own organization, ourselves and other institutions accountable for past and present injustices toward Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

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 that includes the eradication of racism, racial and religious discrimination, xenophobia, and related violence in order to create genuine equity and equality of opportunity for all. https://sbwpc.org/positions/.

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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