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**RE: HR 55 (Rush) Emmett Till Antilynching Act - SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Rush,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 55 addressing lynching as a hate crime. 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 opposing Racism. (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/>).

Lynching is a barbaric practice that has historically been perpetrated by Whites against Blacks in the United States and has been typically characterized by vigilante mob action incited by racism. Lynching is a brutal and unconscionable act. Our organization agrees that lynching should be a Federal crime and should be classified as a hate crime.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 55 as an important and long-overdue step toward justice and toward rectifying one of the most heinous wounds of racial prejudice in our nation. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a support of HR 55, The Emmett Till Antilynching Act.**

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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