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The Honorable Ash Kalra
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RE: AB 1400 – California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act (CalCare) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Kalra,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 1400 addressing the need to guarantee comprehensive, high-quality health care to all California residents as a human right. 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 a belief in basic human rights for all, locally and globally. We support comprehensive, universal, and accessible healthcare for all regardless of race, gender, health status, ability, housing or language. We support local, state and national policies that provide full and equitable access to affordable, quality healthcare throughout the lifecycle, including caregiving, educational, and preventive programs. (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>)

We are aware that currently nearly 3 million Californians have no health insurance while millions more have insurance that is too expensive to use due to high copays and deductibles.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB1400 as an important step forward in ensuring that all Californians, regardless of employment, income, immigration status, race, gender, or any other considerations, can get the health care they need, for free, at the point of service. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB1400.**

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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