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February 19, 2021

The Honorable Barbara Lee 2470 Rayburn House Office Building

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Email: Legislative Director Greg.Adams@mail.house.gov

Re: H.R. 260 Women and Climate Change Act of 2021: SUPPORT

Dear Congresswoman Lee,

The goals of the H.R. 260 Women and Climate Change Act of 2021 to "address the disparate impact of climate change on women and support the efforts of women globally to address climate change" resonates closely with the vision and position of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee. The Act reflects our vision "to achieve a society based upon feminist values" and in relation to the environment "to demand that public policy be based on environmental justice for all peoples, protecting all communities from any form of environmental racism, discrimination, or bias." https://sbwpc.org/positions

We strongly agree with your statement that: "As climate change worsens, provoking historic droughts, rising sea levels and violent storms, women and girls will bear the brunt of this global crisis." Accordingly, we endorse the aim of this legislation "to encourage approaches to climate change mitigation that uplift, include, and empower women" and the need for "women leaders at the table" to effectively alleviate climate change.

Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee sees H.R.260 as an important step forward in, as you say, "taking an intersectional approach to the climate crisis and affirming the role of women in the effort to save our planet."

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 260.

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-Martín, President SBWPC

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Cc: The Honorable Salud Carbajal; email: Johanna.montiel@mail.house.gov