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Monday, March 1, 2021

The Honorable Rep. Salud Carbajal
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Email: Legislative Dir. Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov

RE: H.R. 455 – “California Clean Coast Act of 2021” - SUPPORT

Dear Rep. Carbajal,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 455 prohibiting oil and gas leasing off the coast of the State of 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 approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which includes strong stewardship and nurturing of our environment and the right to a clean and safe environment for all, as outlined at <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We are aware the area this bill protects our coast from oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities. As you know, there is an immediate need for strong, comprehensive, science-based measures to address global climate change, to reverse effects of and eliminate reliance on fossil fuels, and to protect open and public spaces that support wildlife habitat, local food production, and recreational opportunities for all. By re-introducing this bill, the first you introduced as a Member of Congress, you are affirming our collective resolution to protect our coast.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R. 455 as an important step forward in environmental protection. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R. 455.**

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

CC: Owen Bailey, Environmental Defense Center: obailey@EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.org