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February 25, 2021

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RE: HR 5 (Cicilline) – Equality Act - SUPPORT

Dear Representative Cicilline:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to thank you for re-introducing the landmark Equality Act, HR 5, establishing federal antidiscrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people.

SBWPC is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with well over 300 members. Our mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. We advocate for a diverse set of positions, including the elimination of discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity. We believe in and promote equal opportunity in all spheres of society, such as housing, education and employment and the justice system: https://sbwpc.org/positions.

The Equality Act is vital to enshrining LGBTQ+ protections into law beyond employment and preventing future administrations from rolling back anti-discrimination rules. It is of particular significance for LGBTQ+ residents in the 27 states where it is currently legal to deny them housing and other services based on their identities.

HR 5 aligns perfectly with our organization's core values and SBWPC once again wishes to sign on as a strong supporter as HR 5 makes its way through the 117th Congress.

Please email info@sbwpc.org if you need to reach us.

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martin, President SBWPC

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CC: Rep. Salud Carbajal, email Legislative Director Johanna. Montiel@mail.house.gov