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

RE: H.R. 973 – “Central Coast Heritage Protection Act” - SUPPORT

Dear Rep. Carbajal,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 973 addressing designation of certain Federal land in the State of California as wilderness. 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, as outlined at <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

This bill protects home to a wide array of plant and animal life and the bill will help to sustain the ecological future of 468 species of wildlife and more than 1,200 plant species. 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, you are working to provide permanent protection for many special places in the Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plain National Monument.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R. 973 as an important step forward in environmental protection. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R. 973.**

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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