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The Honorable Kirsten E. Gillibrand
478 Russell Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510
Email: Brooke_Jamison@Gillibrand.senate.gov

Re: S.248 Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Gillibrand,

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee is aware that the passage of S.248 the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act would create a national self-funding and medical leave insurance program. The need for this program became evident when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and "over 32 million people in the United States did not have access to a single paid sick day." Without paid leave, "caregivers leave the workforce, families struggle to make ends meet, businesses lose valued employees, and our economy suffers."

These dire consequences are antithetical to the values of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee which supports "comprehensive, universal, and accessible healthcare for all regardless of race, gender, health status, ability housing or language." <https://sbwpc.org/positions>. We at SBWPC strongly agree that "we all need access to paid leave" and that such access should never expire as the first COVID-19 emergency relief package did. The Family Act would ensure paid medical leave without the risk of expiration.

Therefore, SBWPC supports S.248, the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act and wishes to sign on as a supporter of this bill.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Luz Reyes-Martin'.

Luz Reyes-Martin
President SBWPC