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**RE: SB 212 (Umberg) Prospective jurors for criminal trials: peremptory challenges: elimination - OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Umberg,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express our opposition to SB 212 which would repeal the provisions of AB 3070 while also eliminating all peremptory challenges in criminal cases. 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 include policies that eliminate racism, LGBTQ rights, and barriers that impede women from participating fully in all aspects of society including our judicial system (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>)

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB 212 as a huge step backward in ensuring racial parity in our criminal justice system. **Therefore, SBWPC strongly opposes SB 212.**

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](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Luz Reyes-Martin'.

Luz Reyes-Martin  
President SBWPC

CC: Senator Monique Limon, email: Legislative Director [Jimmy.Wittrock@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Jimmy.Wittrock@sen.ca.gov)