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Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez  
State Capitol, Room 2188  
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### RE: AB 364 (Rodriguez) Strengthen Regulation of Foreign Labor Recruiters (Human Trafficking) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Rodriguez,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 364 which provides a technical fix to SB 477 which addresses the lure of cheap labor by unscrupulous recruiters who treat temporary workers as disposable commodities, resulting in human trafficking. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. As part of our mission to further feminist values through political and social action we advocate for a diverse set of positions such as eliminating human trafficking <https://sbwpc.org/positions>.

SB 477 was the first legislation passed in the United States addressing the grave human trafficking problems associated with foreign labor contractors (FLC). AB 364 makes the improvement of ensuring the fair treatment of *all* temporary workers coming to California. Currently, no other protections exist under California or federal law at the *place of recruitment abroad* for temporary workers.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 364 as a critical tool to prevent the suffering and misfortune of those subject to this modern form of slavery and to provide a model for other jurisdictions faced with similar challenges. FLC misconduct primarily affects people of color who not only are suffering disproportionately from the ravages of the current Covid 19 pandemic but also have historically been victims of the sad and repugnant legacy of systemic racism in this country.

### Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 364.

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,



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