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**Re: AB 439 - Certificates of death: gender identity - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 439, allowing for the nonbinary gender to be formally recognized on death certificates. 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 equal rights for women, as well as gender identity.

We support the bill, as these amendments to existing law will provide much needed granularity and transparency around official gender identity representation. In turn, California can use this data as a benefit in the sectors of public health, social and criminal justice, and beyond.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 439 as an important milestone in gender identity. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 439.**

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,

President, SBWPC

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***This letter also submitted through California Legislature Position Letter Portal:***  
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