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Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva
State Capitol Room # 6012
Sacramento, California 94249
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RE: AB 865 (Quirk-Silva) – Valuing California's Child Care Providers - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Quirk-Silva,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express our wish to sign on as a supporter of AB 865, which provides stable reimbursement to childcare providers based on enrollment and not attendance of a family. This legislation will also bring parity and value to subsidized providers on par with private pay providers.

With approximately 300 members, we are one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County. As part of our mission to further feminist values through political and social action we advocate for a diverse set of positions such as access to affordable, high-quality childcare and fair pay for working women: <https://sbwpc.org/positions>.

The economic and public health crisis induced by COVID-19 has accelerated closures of childcare providers who were barely surviving even before the pandemic. California's working families must have access to stable childcare if our economy is ever to rebound. AB 865 supports the childcare work force and reimburses them for holding a space for a child regardless of whether the child attends. Further, it would require the State make direct deposit of contractor allocations and greater use of electronic communications to best support the needs of families. AB 865 values childcare providers as business owners and recognizes their work as an integral part of California's economy.

Please email info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org if you need to reach us.

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martin

Luz Reyes-Martin,
President SBWPC

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<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates>