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The Honorable Karen Bass
2021 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 205145
Email: Chris.Schloesser@mail.house.gov

RE: HR 1280 (Bass) George Floyd Justice in Policing Act- SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Bass,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 1280 addressing reform in policing. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values. 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 Anti-Racism, stating in part: "Structural and systemic racism informs present day policing, the criminal justice system and mass incarceration. We advocate for the demilitarization of law enforcement, and demand that law enforcement be held accountable for their misconduct and brutality."
<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support HR 1280 as it "... increases accountability for law enforcement misconduct, restricts the use of certain policing practices, enhances transparency and data collection, and establishes best practices and training requirements."

(Summary, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1280?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22george+Floyd+Justice+in+policing%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1>)

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards HR 1280 as a long overdue step toward fair and unbiased policing. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 1280.**

We are aware that the bill has passed the House of Representatives and trust that our organization's support will be conveyed to the appropriate Senate Committee(s).

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,

Luz Reyes-Martin

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President SBWPC

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