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The Honorable Grace Meng
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Email: Helen.Beaudreau@mail.house.gov

RE: H.R.2283 - To authorize the Secretary of Education ... – SUPPORT

...to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs that include the history of peoples of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the settling and founding of America, the social, economic, and political environments that led to the development of discriminatory laws targeting Asians and Pacific Islanders and their relation to current events, and the impact and contributions of Asian Americans to the development and enhancement of American life, United States history, literature, the economy, politics, body of laws, and culture, and for other purposes.

Dear Congressman Meng,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 2283 addressing educational programs that include peoples of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. 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 and "ethnic studies curricula for all students and the inclusion of contributions of Black, Indigenous and People of Color." <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support efforts to educate students and the public about the history and contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States. We understand that demonstrating the relationship of this history to current events is one tool to help avoid repeating mistakes of the past. The development of immigration law, for example, is deeply connected to the history of AAPIs in this country, and in turn, instructive to the ongoing debate on immigration policy.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R. 2283 as an important step forward in creating a more complete and accurate understanding of our communities and collective history.

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R.2283.

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
President SBWPC

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