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Honorable Salud O. Carbajal
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Washington, DC 20515
Email: Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov

RE: HR 454 (Carbajal) Protect Patriot Parents Act – SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Carbajal:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 454 addressing the eligibility of parents of U.S. citizens who serve or have served in the Armed Forces for eligibility for adjustment to permanent resident status. 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 well over 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions that include support for the creation of a path to citizenship for immigrants and their family members who have been contributing to their communities in many valuable ways.

As we state in the [position statements](#) on our website, the SBWPC understands that our nation is built upon the notion that people have come to the United States for economic, educational, social and political opportunity. Furthermore, the women and men of the Armed Forces have contributed to the safety of this country through their sacrifices and courage. These contributions merit specific and special consideration for their parents who seek to make a life with their families here.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R. 454 as an important step forward in amending the relevant provisions of the Immigration & Nationality Act to recognize the importance of those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of HR 454.** 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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