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The Honorable Cory Booker  
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Email: [Sarah\\_Rojas@booker.senate.gov](mailto:Sarah_Rojas@booker.senate.gov)

**RE: S 346 (Booker) Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act of 2021 - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Booker,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for S 346 addressing inequality in Black maternal health. 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 Healthcare.

We support this important legislation because

"All people have the right to exercise full choice and control over their bodies in making all health and medical decisions, including all aspects of reproductive health .... We support actions to address and eliminate racism, sexism and all forms of discrimination in healthcare and in medical research, planning, and practice. Elimination of structural racism and discrimination is central to public health." <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards S 346 as an important step forward in reversing the maternal health crisis in America, which includes a far higher morbidity rate for people of color than for whites in the US.

**For these reasons, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of S 346.**

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,

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