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Assembly Member David Chiu
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RE: AB 1184 Confidential Health Information - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Chiu,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 1184 which will protect patient confidentiality and privacy when accessing a sensitive health care service. 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 a belief that all people have the right to exercise full choice and control over their bodies in making all health and medical decisions and we support policies and programs that ensure the safety and privacy for all. (<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>)

Patients should be able to access critical health care services like abortion, gender affirming care, mental health services, birth control or STI tests without fear of having their private information exposed. Unfortunately, not all people live in an environment that is free from shame or judgement as relates to their health care decisions. AB 1184 will automatically establish confidentiality for sensitive services and will help ensure these patients, and their information, are kept safe.

Because of this, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 1184 as an important step in addressing the need to prioritize patient privacy and safety in California. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 1184.**

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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