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The Honorable Christopher Ward
State Capitol
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RE: AB 218 – Change of gender and sex identifier - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Ward,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 218 addressing change of gender and name in birth and marriage certificates. 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 Gender Identity <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support streamlining the process for transgender Californians to update their marriage certificates and the birth certificates of their children to accurately reflect their legal name and gender, while protecting their privacy.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 218 as an important step forward toward full equality for people of all gender identities. It shows respect and provides for inclusion of transgender and non-binary people in all spheres of life, including their interactions with government. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 218.**

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-Martín
President SBWPC

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