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Wednesday, May 26, 2021

The Honorable Rep. Salud Carbajal  
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**RE: H.R. 2965 – “Naomi Schwartz Safe Parking Program” - SUPPORT**

Dear Rep. Carbajal,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 2965 addressing funding for safe parking programs. 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 approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which includes basic human rights for all, locally and globally, including access to food, shelter and healthcare, as outlined at <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

This bill establishes multi-year grants to be used for operations; maintenance of necessary supplies such as hygiene facilities; direct assistance to those in need through auto, housing rental, and other financial aid; and data management. As you know, safe parking programs like the model started and successfully continuing in Santa Barbara, California provides a safe place for people living in their vehicles to park overnight and facilitates a transition to more stable housing. By introducing this bill, you are providing necessary funding to run programs to help support individuals while also honoring one of the original champion of safe parking programs.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R. 2965 as an important step forward in addressing homelessness. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R. 2965.**

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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President SBWPC

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