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Senator Lena Gonzalez
State Capitol, Room 2068
Sacramento, CA 95814
Email: Legislative Director: trevor.taylor@sen.ca.gov;

Re: SB 245 (Gonzalez) Abortion Accessibility Act – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Gonzalez:

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee celebrates your introduction on January 22, 2021 - the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade - of SB 245 The Abortion Accessibility Act to ensure that all women and pregnant people have access to abortion services regardless of their income, status, race, zip code or bank account. SBWPC agrees that many patients including "Black, Latinx, Indigenous, trans and non-binary individuals, people with disabilities, young people, low-income and rural families and women of color" may have their access to care denied due to the "financial strain of co-payments, deductibles and debt." (<https://sd33.senate.ca.gov/news/2021-01-22-sen-gonzalez-introduces-sb-245-abortion-accessibility-act-48th-anniversary-landmark>)

Our organization, one of the largest political committees in Santa Barbara County with 300 members currently, "supports comprehensive, universal and accessible health care for all regardless of race, gender, health status, ability, housing or language. "We believe that "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" <https://sbwpc.org/positions> .

Therefore, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee strongly supports SB 245 and wishes to sign on as a supporter of this bill.

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,



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