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**RE: AB 1666 (Bauer-Kahan) – Abortion: civil actions- SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 1666 which would offer civil protections for abortion providers in California who treat patients from other states. SBWPC 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. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include Health Care, in which we clearly state the following: "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." (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new/>)

We support the bill's goals of protecting Californians from civil liability for providing or obtaining abortion care as well as the effort to protect the fundamental right to make decisions regarding pregnancy in an equitable manner as confirmed in *Roe v Wade*. We also agree with you, that we have a need to support access to abortion and reproductive services not only for Californians but also for those who may seek refuge here.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 1666 as an important step forward in efforts to protect and expand access to abortion care for all individuals. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the bill and to urge its passage.**

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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