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**RE: AB 2436 (Bauer-Kahan) Death Certificates: Content - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 2436 addressing inclusion of parents of all identities on death certificates. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values. As one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with hundreds of members, we advocate for a diverse set of positions which include gender identity, stating in part that "we support policies and programs that ensure the safety of and community support for transgender and non-binary children, adults, and families. <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support this bill because we recognize that families may not have a traditional mother and father. AB 2436 creates needed inclusion by replacing the designations "mother" and "father" with "Parent 1" and "Parent 2" on death certificates. Families must be allowed to represent parents correctly as a matter of respect and to reflect our societal evolution in recognizing the many diverse parental situations that exist.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 2436 as an important step forward in bringing California's legal documents up to date by recognizing the diversity of our state's families. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 2436.**

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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***This letter also submitted through California Legislature Position Letter Portal:  
<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>***