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The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
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RE: AB 254– Confidentiality of Medical Information Act - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 254 addressing California's goal of protecting the intimate, reproductive privacy rights of California residents and those from other jurisdictions who may come to California to seek abortion care. 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 comprehensive and accessible healthcare for all. We support local, state, and national policies that provide full and equitable access to affordable, quality healthcare. 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.

We are aware that it is increasingly dangerous for people to seek abortion services in many parts of the country. This bill is a sensible measure that closes a loophole in the CMIA and furthers California's longstanding commitment to being a reproductive freedom state.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards this bill as an important step forward in ensuring that commercial websites and applications that collect consumer reproductive health data are subject to California's medical privacy laws. **Therefore, we wish to sign on as a supporter of AB 254.**

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,

Paula Lopez Ochoa

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President SBWPC

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